Court Blocks Prosecution Of Cold War Spies in East

As Investors Grow Wary, Germans Run **Out of Steam**

By Brandon Mitchener International Herold Tribune

FRANKFURT - With its strong currency, rising exports and a spending boom in the newly annexed east. Germany has relished its role for the past year as the locomotive of Europe's economic recovery.

But now, Germany's own recovery appears to be slipping, buffeted by fickle currency markets and beld back by wary consumers just as it seemed to be gathering momentum.

Increasingly, investors are deciding that Germany is too expensive a place to do business. Unemployment has again begun edging upward, and worry is spreading that the country, distracted by good times, has failed to knuckle down and undertake structural reforms.

The economic recovery that began last year may still be under way, but there is now no clear consensus how fast the upswing is proceeding or how long it will last. The simation is exacerbated by what Otmer Issing, a mem-ber or the Bundesbank's directorate, called "statistical chaos."

What disturbs economists more. than this temporary confusion, however, is that Germany is making bttle progress on domestic structural changes that it needs to reduce unemployment and remain competitive. over the long term.

"We're not doing everything right," and Mr. Issing, the control bank's chief economist. The limiting factor is the labor market."

"Last year, at seemed that wage ne-gotistions had returned to reason, but this year's raises, which don't do anything to help job creation, together with the currency situation, will eventially weigh on German business," he

Recent statistics, increasingly complicated by the integration of the former West German and East German economics, tell a tale of economic retrenchment:

 The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development this week cut its 1996 economic forecast for Germany's gross domestic product to 2.7 percent, from 3.5 percent.

The European Commission recent-See FALTER, Page 9

Conservatives In West Protest Amnesty Move

By Rick Atkinson
Washington Post Service

BERLIN — In a landmark decision, Germany's Constitutional Court ruled Tuesday that former East German spy-masters cannot be prosecuted for conduct

masters cannot be prosecuted for conducting Cold War espionage against the West.

The 5-to-3 fuling effectively grants a blanket amnesty to men like Markus Wolf, the legendary chief of East Germany's foreign intelligence service who had been sentenced to six years in prison for treason against Germany.

Dozens and possibly hundreds of other former East Germans will no longer face prosecution or will have guilty verdicts voided by the ruling, political and legal observers predicted. The decision provoked angry protests from conservative

voked angry protests from conservative West Germans unwilling to let Cold War bygones be bygones, as well as from for-mer. East German dissidents convinced that the Communists who once ran a po-

that the Communitis who once ran a police state are cluding justice.

The victims are being insulted and the criminals amnestied," Stephan Hilsberg, a one-time dissident who is now a member of Parliament, said in a statement. The results of the 1989 pro-democracy "revolution are being betrayed."

eign East Germany can legitimately be convicted of betraying another country—
West Germany—has been one of the most
divisive legal squabbles since German unification in 1990.

In roling that East German spy chiefs in ruing that east German spy enters were fairly operating under the laws of their nation at the time, the German court drew a distinction between senior intelligence officials based in East Germany and their cloak-and-dagger minions operating clandestinely in the West.

"Citizens of the former East Germany, who before restoration of German unity

who before restoration of German unity spied for the secret services of their state exclusively from the territory of East Germany against West Germany, may no longer be prosecuted after reunification because of their espionage," the court decreed in the 81-page ruling.

But the justices also urged mercy for Special mitigating circumstances, including possible eessation of proceedings against them, should be considered when determining legal consequences for those East German citizens who did this on West German territory," the court said.

West Germans who committed treason by spying for the East remain culpable, as are East Germans who committed other crimes, such as murder or extortion, in the course of their espionage activities, the court added.

The decision focused specifically on the case of Mr. Wolf's successor as East German spy chief, Werner Grossmann, and four of his underlings. But the ramifications appear to touch virtually all aspects of the once-vast East German spy appara-

A spokeswoman for the Berlin Justice See SPIES, Page 9



Alain Juppé wiping his brow Tuesday during his inaugural address to Parliament, in which he outlined an economic plan.

Whiff of Old Soviet Ways in the Kremlin

Russia's New Elite Pursues Perks in Eerily Familiar Fashion

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

MOSCOW - When Leonid I. Brezhnev was alive and ailing, the Soviet leader entrusted his health and astrological fate to a well-known psychic healer. In the increasingly superstitious Kremlin of President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, that role is filled by a high-ranking officer of the widely feared presidential security service, who is said to monitor the health and horoscopes of the president.

There are increasing signs bere of a return to Soviet-style governance, and most have to do with fear and favor. Presidential advisers in the Kremlin conduct sensitive conversations on scraps of paper. least as secretive and corrupt as any predewhich they quickly burn, fearful that their cessor in the post-Stalinist era. offices are bugged. But the perks and privileges, the apartments, cars, dachas and special services that once sustained the Soviet elite are back, too.

Even in these days of fiscal constraint and budget cutbacks, members of the new nomenklatura - many of whom moved there seamlessly from the old Communist Party elite - are not just reclaiming their old privileges, they are creating new ones.

Mr. Yeltsin, who began his climb to power railing against the privileges and intrigues of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's Kremlin, now presides over a power structure at

The fear that Russia is reverting to its totalitarian roots is stronger than ever.

"The regime did not succeed in getting rid of Soviet habits and the Soviet way of life," said Sergei Parkhomenko, an investigative reporter for the newspaper Segodnya. "They did try, two and three years ago
—there was an effort to rip it all up by the roots. But it didn't work, and those roots

only went deeper. Mr. Parkhomenko can testify that fear is back. He wrote a two-part series entitled "Merlin's Tower" about the new power

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Juppé Vows A Quick Rise In France's Lowest Wage

New Prime Minister Rattles Markets With His Economic Proposals

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - Pledging to get France movrances — Fleeting to get France moving under its new conservative rulers, Prime Minister Alain Juppé told Parliament on Tuesday that his government bad declared war on unemployment and intended to make quick headway in easing France's joblessness, running above 12 percent, one of the highest rates in Europe.

His speech rattled the French markets. The franc lost nearly two centimes against the mark, recovering to trade at 3.5505. The bond market also fell and the Paris bourse CAC-40 index lost 0.72 percent to 1,965.31.

In his inaugural speech before Parliament, Mr. Juppe outlined a package of measures to spur growth matched with benefits for the jobless and the working poor, including financial incentives for employers to create jobs, an immediate jump in the minimum wage and more low-cost bousing.

The package left unanswered questions about its possible inflationary unpact and how the government planned to finance the measures. Mr. Juppe has floated the idea of temporarily raising the value-added tax on consumer goods from 18.6 percent to 20 percent.

As an immediate step, Mr. Juppé said that "the minimum wage will be increased by a significant percentage from July 1," an increase that be indicated could amount to 5 percent more than the current legal minimum of 6,000 francs.

The previous conservative government of France sought to lower the minimum wage selectively to eliminate what it said was a barrier to hiring untrained young people. The idea met so much resistance that it was dropped.

In contrast, Mr. Juppe said Tuesday that workers had been made to feel guilty about wage and manning levels, as if a wage freeze were the only serious economic policy" — a reference to the austerity rsued by recent Fren

ments. President Jacques Chirac campaigned on the theme that unemployment had become the key problem sapping France's economy and self-confidence and the idea that the problem could be eased by boosting consumer spending.

He has argued that French companies should put more of their increased earnings into wages and that jobless benefits should be funneled into subsidized jobs ideas embodied in Mr. Juppe's speech on

"My plan is contained in a single word: jobs," Mr. Juppė said, describing his government as the first to give top priority to the problem. On Monday, Mr. Chirac appeared unannounced at a meeting of regional officials to tell them that their performance would be judged by their ability

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AGENDA

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Yeltsin Vetoes Election Legislation

MOSCOW (WP) — President Boris N. Yeltsin vesced election legislation Tuesday that is needed for Russian parliamentary elections to take place as planned next December, a move that some here suggested might force a delay in the nationwide vote.

Aides to Mr. Yeltsin said the president had vetoed the law because it would have given too much representation to candidates elected on national party slates and not enough to those selected in local

The law, overwhelmingly approved by the lower house of Parliament, or Duma earlier this month, would have had half of the Duma's 450 seats elected through the national party slates and half elected in local constituencies.

This was the system used in December 1993, when Russia held its first post-Soviet elections.

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CLOSING A CHAPTER — Families of people killed in the Oklahoma City bombing watching the federal building being demolished Tuesday. Page 3.

China Warns of 'Severe Damage' To Ties if U.S. Allows Taiwan Visit

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BELJING - China summoned Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy on Tuesday and demanded that the United States reverse its decision to allow President Lee Tenghui of Taiwan to visit the United States next month.

A Western diplomat here said that Mr. Roy sought to allay Chinese concerns about the visit by telling Foreign Minister Qian Qichen that the Taiwan leader's stay would be clearly hilled as a private, unofficial visit to a class reunion at Cornell University.

Mr. Roy was said to have made clear that the decision to allow the visit was final.

No Taiwan leader has visited the United States since Washington and Beijing established diplomatic relations in 1979. Their

agreement downgraded Taiwan's diplomatic status and urged Taiwan and mainland China to begin negotiating eventual reunification.

After a tense morning meeting between Mr. Roy and the foreign minister, the Chinese issued a long demunciation of Mr.

Visit from Taiwan gives slide in U.S.-China relations a push. Page 4.

Clinton's decision, which reverses the finding of a policy review last summer that upheld State Department policy not to allow even private visits by Taiwan presi-

"If the United States clings to its erroneous decision on the basis of miscalculation of the situation, it will inevitably cause severe damage to Sino-U.S. relations," a

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In 'Rationalizing Work Force,' Cuba Reneges on Jobs for All

By Douglas Farah Washington Post Service

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HAVANA - For decades, Gerardo worked as a skilled mechanic and driver, repairing trucks and driving produce around Cuba. These days, he offers to guard people's cars in a shady spot by his house for a few pennies a day.

"I know how to do things, things that I love," he said, looking at his hefty hands. "I just have no work anymore. I do the best I can, but I am wasting my mind. That is what bothers me most."

In coming months, there will be thousands more like Gerardo, who was laid off recently from a state company. Cuba, undergoing painful economic change since the 1989 collapse of the Soviet bloc and the

accompanying loss of its subsidies, is embarking on one of the most difficult adjustments since the revolution triumphed in 1959: It is backing off the cherished guarantee of full employment. For state enterprises to become efficient, according

to senior Cuban officials, 600,000 to 800,000 people out of a total work force of 3.2 million will be laid off in coming months. For years, bloated, inefficient but all-embracing state enterprises have drained billions of pesos from

the economy, a process that cannot be sustained now, Cnban leaders say. In addition, many factories and other parts of the economy have closed or cut hack because of a lack of

fuel, electricity or spare parts. Here, the result is called "rationalizing the work force," not layoffs, and leaders have held meetings

gradual. They promise that those laid off will receive years ago. 60 percent of their pay for several months, depending on how long they have worked.

The only state spending increase this year was in social services, up about 50 percent to pay for jobless compensation.

"There will be a process of laying off workers, but not in the manner of other countries," Ricardo Alar-con, president of the National Assembly, said in an interview. "It will come after months of discussions with people, so they know it will happen."

"It is not shock therapy," he added. In addition to causing anxiety, the move toward efficiency is forcing difficult choices or cresident Fidel Castro, who already has carried out moves

across the country to explain that the process will be toward freet markets that were unthinkable just a few

Already, faced with the collapse of its traditional markets in the Eastern bloc and a crippling U.S. trade embargo. Cuba in the last two years has opened to foreign investment, allowed the free circulation of dollars brought in through tourism, authorized limited forms of self-employment and freed farmers to sell

produce at market prices to ease food shortages. Now, to absorb the excess work force, the state will bave to expand the categories of self-employment that it began allowing two years ago. But such an expansion, officials acknowledge, will undercut the Communist Party's political hold and risk creating a wealthy class in a revolutionary society that has taken pride in

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Ebola Leaving Superstition and Death in Its Wake

By Jonathan C. Randal Washington Post Service

IKWIT, Zaire — Civil servants and market stall owners here and farmers in the city's outlying areas are all convinced that Dr. Dan Fountain is responsible for the Ebola virus that has killed more than 100 people here and will probably kill more.

Dr. Fountain seems an odd person to blame for the outbreak. He is a American Baptist missionary who for decades worked in Vanga, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from here, and wrote medical books for Zairian health officials

But residents of this city said Dr. Fouotain was also a witch doctor who sometimes transformed himself into a hippopotamus. They said he deliberately poisoned doctors and medical staff here after delivering a lecture to them on AIDS.

Why he might have done such a thing is a mystery even to the people who said he did so. But with some of the world's best virologists working here to determine how this outbreak began, the people of Kikwit are oot the only ones who are mystified. They have simply fallen back on witchcraft to explain their

The virus, named after a river in northern Zaire, normally hits monkeys and other animals but sometimes jumps to humans. It induces a from of hemorrhagic fever, causing death by uncontrollable bleeding from the eyes, ears and even the skin.

Why it has suddenly appeared here is as unclear as the source behind a 1976 outbreak that killed 211 people in the village of Yambuku in oorthern Zaire.

[The authorities in Kinshasa set up two information centers in the city on Monday so residents could check out rumors spawned by the outhreak, Agence France-Presse reported from the capital. The so-called rumor centers were installed at the town hall and at the city's largest hospital.

[Although no case of Ebola has been reported in Kinshasa, rumors that the disease has spread there have been swirling for 10

The virologists in Kikwit theorize that insects, animals, birds or even plants may be responsible for transmitting the disease. But they readily confess that they do not know.

What they do know is that this outhreak was potentially more serious than the one in 1976 because Yambuku was a small village. About half a million people live in Kikwit.

HEN the virus first struck here, local doctors thought they were contending with an outhreak of "bloody" or "red diarrhea," which had killed hundreds of people as it moved north from Angola.

But the director of Kikwit's hospital, Dr. Mungala Kipasi, could not understand why any strain of diarrhea was killing so many people and why it was resistant to antibiotics. When Dr. Jean-Jacques Muyembe, a renowned virologist at Kinshasa University, was called to Kikwit on May 1 by stumped doctors, he had a hunch that Ebola was in-

As a young doctor he had helped fight the virus in Yambuku, and he became so famous in Zaire that people in Kikwit were sure that the outbreak would subside when he arrived.

He knew better. When laboratory tests showed that some patients were free of shigella, bacteria that cause dysentery and are a sure sign of red diarrhea, he sounded the Ebola alarm even before receiving confirmation from Belgium's Tropical Medicine Institute in Antwerp or the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

From then on, Dr. Muyembe as well as Dr. David Heymann, another Yamhuku veteran now on loan from the Centers for Disease Control to the World Health Organization, and specialists from France, South Africa, Sweden and the United States were playing catch up. They feared that the virus might have crupted as early as December.



Red Cross workers putting on protective clothing before leaving the hospital in Kikwit to pick up possible victims of the virus.

And this time the virus was loose in a crowded, hustling city. In addition, it was spreading to other areas of Bandundu province as its victims sought to escape the hospi-

tal where the first victims died.

No one has identified the first human carrier of the virus, but the first person he or she infected was a 36-year-old hospital laboratory assistant named Kimfumu.

Operated on twice, he died on May 14, a week and a half after coming down with a fever and splotchy red and blue eruptions on his skin. He was the first of dozens of Zairian and foreign nuns, nursing sisters, doctors and other medical workers to die.

As of Monday, the virus had killed 101 of the 123 people who had contracted it so far. With a 21-day incubation period, the virus is oot likely to vanish easily, Dr. Muyembe said. In fact there is little Dr. Muyembe or anyooe else can do except wait and count on information teams to preach elementary hy-

giene to the population. WHO officials agreed with his advice and over the weekend persuaded the Zairian authorities to lift the roadblocks holding back some 3,000 people at the border of Bandundu province, some 80 miles east of Kinshasa.

Dr. Muyembe argued that such barriers were rarely effective because the Ebola virus is cootagious only when it actually afflicts its victims, and then they are too ill to move far. But the disease has already changed life in Kikwit. People here no looger follow a stan-

dard burial practice.
"Io our traditioos," said Dr. Roger
Ndambi, "we accompany the dead to burial
and manipulate and wash the bodies. But oow people are afraid to do so and are leaving the dead outside their homes and informing oeighborhood health authorities."

ED CROSS teams and local medical students are combing the city and the outlying hush with batterypowered megaphones to explain ba-

sie health precaution. They begin work at 5 A.M. to catch farmers before they disappear into the oearby rain forest to cultivate subsistence crops. Such tactics are occessary because there is no working radio or television to get the word out and Kikwit has electric power for only two hours a

day, right after dark. In the last week, international aid has provided health workers with rubber boots and gloves, goggles, surgical masks and full length

But even so protected, they are worried. Biba Kakwata drives a road maintenance truck that has been pressed into service as an ambulance. He loads and unloads cadavers or hoists the afflicted into the truck: there are few stretchers, and the sick are moved in

"I was afraid at the start, but death is for everyone," he said, regretting only that Kikwit residents now cover their oostrils when he drives by and that he has not been paid for six months, "Maybe the committee" in charge of fighting the virus "will think about us," he

Not far from pavilion three, the blue build-ing at the hospital where Ebola victims are isolated, Cesarine Mbumba, the chief emergency ward ourse, told visitors she had pan-icked when the virus started killing nurses and doctors all around her and the sick were too scared to come to the hospital.

EARING two sets of rubber gloves, a full length smock, goggles, a mask and rubber boots, she said that of 36 emergency ward employees before the ontbreak, only 10 were still working.

"Six are dead or ill, and the rest scam-pered," she said. Why had she stayed? "I was troubled," she replied. "My conscience would oot let me run out on the patients. I had to stay to help them."

Standing next to her, Lieutenant Colonel René Kitniki shuffled around in a full panoply of protective clothing. As the regional military physician, he was as matter of fact as any other army doctor in any other army.

"Here we do the triage," he said. "Those with clinical signs of Ebola are sent off for isolation to pavilion three," where plastic tape now encloses the veranda to from wandering away at night and sleeping in other wards.

Suspected cases are kept for 24 to 48 hours in an observation ward, he said. "Sure people are afraid to come to the hospital," he said, especially those who are ill with malaria or diseases other than Ebola."

Zaire is a poor country, and its public hospitals lack oot only stretchers but also medicine and almost any kind of sophisticated equipment. Kikwit's hospital has only one

functioning vehicle. Infant mortality in Zaire is 10 times higher than in the United States, with babies, and others, dying of malaria, diarrhea, measles,

sleeping sickness and other diseases that regularly take a far larger toll than Ebola has so

Dr. Muyembe says that some in the West have fastened onto the Ebola outbreak to includge their fantasies about tropical Africa's role in propagating incurable diseases, starting with AIDS.

His colleague, Dr. Kipasi, the director of the Kikwit hospital, said: "I cannot even take a taxi. People prevent me because they are afraid of me and all the medical staff who were the first victims of the disease."

But he and Dr. Muyembe are not too bothered by all the publicity, although they think

The Ebola danger is real even if we know the infection cannot enter Europe in any big way," Dr. Kipasi said, "because with radio and television, a public health campaign there

would rapidly bring it until control."

He added: "But we prefer the excessive publicity to remaining silent. And I hope we get outside financial help. I never have a budget at Kinshasa University and funds are occessary to keep up surveillance and main tain hospital standards. We need money for measles, for malaria, for everything, not just

UT even with money, nothing can be done to repair the virus's toll. The Miati Mumbu family, which once counted nine adults, now is reduced to two young women and 16 young orphans. A granddaughter was the first to succumb, after giving birth by Caesarean section. Dr. Heymann and a Zairian medical student went to visit the family in Casamba on Kikwit's southern outskirts.

Their hoped to persuade the women to provide a blood sample to help better understand the chain of contagion, not just through the stricken family, but for the outbreak at large, as well.

The women listened, but they refused. Instead, they ticked off every member of the family -and a neighbor who had helped care for the victims — ending up with the grandfa-ther who had died only last Saturday. "Af-waka," the women said in Kikongo after each

name. The word means "dead." They will not be the last to be buried in the cemetery with rudimentary crosses decorated with the deceased's favorite pots and cooking utensils

Dr. Kipasi, the hospital director, said, "We haven't even reached a plateau,'

Arabs Keep Up Pressure on Israel

They Call for Land Takeovers In Jerusalem to Be Canceled

By Clyde Haberman New York Three Service

JERUSALEM - Buoyed by Israel's retreat on a major issue affecting Jernsalem, Arab leaders demanded Tuesday that the Israelis not merely suspend any confiscation of land in Palestinian neighborhoods but cancel it

Calls for further Israeli action came from senior officials in Arab nations and among the Palestinians, including Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Pales-tine Liberation Organization.

The confiscation plan has stirred international protests for weeks, and it threatened for awhile to bring down the government and, perhaps with it, the Middle East peace talks.

There was no sign that Israel was about to comply with the Arab demands. Its decision for now, made suddenly at a special cabinet meeting on Monday, is just to freeze the intended seizure of 134 acres in Palestinian.

areas for study.
But Israeli officials acknowledged that there is almost no way now for them to press ahead with the expropriation. and so it effectively seems dead. As such, their about-face to avoid a possible government collapse was generally viewed as an unusual Arab victory in the endless battle for control

over Jerusalem, claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians as their capital.
Officials said that, as far as they knew, it was the first time since Israel gained authority over the entire city in 1967 that it had announced a land expropriation and then backed away. Relentless building has been almost an article of faith for most Israelis, both to assert their primacy and to maintain demogovernment reversal was therefore seen by many as a defeat. The big winners are the Arabs," the newspaper Ma'ariv

Still, the victory may prove to be shortlived. Israel may have stopped its land-development and housing plans on these 134 acres, in the Best Safafa and Best Hanina areas, but officials insisted that they would contin-

ne to build in other sections captured by Israel in 1967.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said he hoped before long to construct some 6,500 new apartments in Har Homa, a new Jewish neighborhood that is supposed to rise ou wooded hillsides in the city's southeast, alongside the Arab areas of Umm Tuba and Sur Bahir. That land, about 460 acres, was expropriated in 1991, mostly from Jews who had acquired property there over the quired property there over the

"We are continuing to build in Jerusalem," Trade Minister Micha Harish said. "We are continuing to expand Jewish settlement in Jerusalem."

Whatever the future of land disputes, the decision to back off seems to have eased a crisis that was threatening to get out of hand.

Arab nations called off a summit meeting they had scheduled for Saturday in Morocco to consider anti-Israel action, and Israel and the PLO affirmed their commitment to reach an agreement on expanding Palestinian self-rule by July

Visiting Jerusalem, Osama Baz, a adviser to President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, said the Israeli turnabout had prodnced "an atmosphere which is suitable to achieve tangible pro-

On Israel's domestic front, graphic edge that Jews have however, the atmosphere was over Arabs in Jerusalem. The anything but cordial.

TRAVEL UPDATE

KLM Pilots Vote to Strike Tuesday

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — Pilots at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have voted overwhelmingly, for an eight-hour partial strike Tuesday, the VNV commercial pilots union said.

The strike over pay and conditions will ground all KLM flights

at Schiphol Airport near Amsterdam, the union said. Airline analysts said a strike, the first at KLM since 1958, would severely hurt the airline's reputation and seriously disrupt timetables. A KLM spokeswoman declined to comment on the vote, saying the airline was waiting for an official statement from the

Finnair will begin selling alcohol other than beer on internal flights on June 1. The move by the national airline follows a partial relaxation of strict alcohol laws that followed the country's

entrance this year into the European Umon. Israel sweltered in record heat Tuesday for a secood day. The heat was caused by a desert wind known as sharav in Hebrew and hamsin in Arabic, a government meteorologist said.

Iran has inaugurated service by a shipping line of three cargo and one passenger vessels between its Caspian port of Bandar Anzali and the Russian Volga port of Astrakhan, the official Iranian press agency, IRNA, reported.

Coat Hanger and Brandy **Used in Midair Operation**

LONDON — Two doctors used a coat hanger and brandy to operate on a woman who fell ill with a collapsed hung on a flight from Hong Kong to London, a British Airways spokes-

The midair drama took place at 10,000 meters (33,000 feet) on board a British Airways Boeing 747 after Paula Dixon, a passenger, complained of pains in her arm, prompting the pilot to ask if there was a doctor on board.

Two doctors stepped forward and ascertained that the 39year-old woman from Aberdeen, Scotland, had fractured from two to four ribs and that her lung had collapsed. Using makeshift instruments as well as the plane's first-aid kit, they then carried ont emergency surgery in Mrs. Dixon's

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seat. They used brandy as a disinfectant, Dr. Angus Wallace and Dr. Tom Wong slipped a coat hanger inside a catheter to help them push it through an incision in her chest.

"We gave her a little bit of local anesthetic in the skin on her chest. She was conscious during the whole procedure,"

Dr. Wallace said. The incident followed a motorcycle crash Mrs. Dixon had had on her way to the airport in Hong Kong on Saturday. She was recovering Tuesday in a London hospital. (AFP, AP)

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ZURICH - A Swiss woman who returned from Zaire last week has been put under hospital quarantine on suspicion of having the deadly Ebola virus, Swiss health officials said Tues-

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under observation after running a high fever, but it may take several days to determine whether she has the disease, the Federal Health Agency said.

If confirmed, it would be the first Ebola case to spread outside Bandundu Province, Zaire, from the current epidemic centered in Kikwit, where at least 101 people have died.

epidemic until the middle of last week," an agency statement said about the woman. "Shortly after her return to

Switzerland she developed a fe-

ver, whereupon she was admit-

Swiss visitors to the tropics catch some kind of fever, it add-An agency spokesman said

agency added.

"She was staying in the re-gion of Zaire afflicted by the

the woman flew back to Zurich last week from Zaire's capital, Kinshasa, on a Swissair flight. The Swiss airline's cahin crews have been ordered to watch for Ebola symptoms among passengers from Zaire. A Swissair spokesman could

oot immediately say whether

other passengers on the wom-an's flight had been notified

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It said the first phase of the

the disease when the illness be-Ebola disease showed the same comes severe and they suffer symptoms as other feverish ill-from bleeding," the health nesses. About 1 percent of agency said. "That is oot the case with the woman in ques-Doctors fighting the Ebola

virus in the town that has borne the hrunt of the epidemic are watching for a surge in cases among Kikwit's half million

But as they find new victims and prepare to deal with any further increase, shortages of masks, gloves and other protective gear are proving a worry.

Medical workers have been searching the sprawling town of

"People infected with the 500 kilometers from Kinshasa, Ebola virus can only transmit for Ebola victims. "The team is still finding new cases all over Kikwit," said the director of Kikwit General

> "We have to wait for the next few days to see whether people have changed their behavior and the cases will decrease." David Heymann, an American doctor with the World Health Organization, said foreign experts expected a clearer

picture over the next few days

Hospital, Dr. Kipasa Mungala.

of the scale of the problem. The latest death toll from the WHO, which is tracking the disease from Geneva, dates from Sunday. It showed 101 of 137 confirmed victims had died -Kikwit and outlying villages, up from 97 deaths by Saturday.

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Reprieve for Legislators: The Term-Limit Threat Fizzles

By Katharine Q. Seelye New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - It was liberation day for the U.S. Congress.

By nullifying term limits imposed by states, the Supreme Court on Monday in effect handed each member of Congress a "get out of jail free" card. If the court had upheld state-imposed term limits, 72 House members from seven states could not have run for re-election after next year. Now, for the time being anyway, they can all run more or less forever.

But they still must face the larger political truth that Americans overwhelmingly support term limits, and the Republicans among them face the corollary reality that their leaders have made term limits a major policy commitment.

Many members of Congress are eventually going to have to reconcile their own desire to stay in Washington with the reality that despite last year's watershed election, voters loathe careerism in politics.

Bowing to that need, and recognizing that euphoria over the decision could appear unseemly, many in Congress have affirmed their support Florida, who sponsored the main term-limits

for term limits and praised the court for at least stating clearly that a constitutional amendment sion might ebange only three or four votes, not now that the House has killed the issue for this is the only practical route to enacting them.

But the House has already managed to shoot down four different amendment proposals. A constitutional amendment needs 290 votes to pass; the most popular proposal got only 227 votes. So the prospects seem pretty good that Congress will not pass an amendment in the foresceable future.

"I don't think there's any way to get two-thirds of the people in this place who are willing to say good-bye to their jobs," said Senator Daniel R. Coats, Republican of Indiana.

Most Republican presidential candidates support term limits, even if Republican leaders in Congress have not been gung-ho advocates. With President Bill Clinton and most Democrats opposed to the idea, term limits are bound to become a contentious, if not defining, issue in the 1996 campaigns.

The general strategy of term-limits supporters is to work to elect enough new members of Congress to allow the eventual passage of term limits, but that could take a very long time. Representative Bill McCollum, Republican of

anywhere near the additional 63 needed to pass a year. constitutional amendment.

Mr. McCollum had called for House members to be limited to 12 years; the principal rival bill proposed limiting members to six years. This difference drove a wedge among supporters, with opponents suggesting that the alternatives were part of a deliberate strategy to split the proponents into factions so that no bill could pass

On the March night that the House defeated term limits, the speaker, News Gingrich, promised that the first act of the next Congress would be to bring up term limits. That will not be until January 1997. Moreover, the Georgia Republican did not indicate whether he would allow more than one term-limits proposal to be voted

in the Senate, the majority leader, Bob Dole, promised term-limits advocates that he would allow a vote hy the August recess, and in a statement, the Kansas Republican said he remained committed to a vote "in the months

In any case, no one is under any illusion that

Not everyone sees a future for term limits. Calling them ill-considered, the previous House speaker, Thomas S. Foley, declared, "Term limits is dead.

But the Washington Democrat, who is now out of office, added that proponents would not give up easily.

'They'll spend a lot of money, they have great private resources and they'll try to make it a political issue in the next campaign," he said, "I think it's against the interests of voters of both

In an April poll by The New York Times and CBS News, 66 percent of those surveyed supported term limits. By nearly 2 to I, they favored six-year limits over 12-year limits.

But what are voters to make of someone like Mr. McCollum, who advocates term limits but will not set a limit on his senure now that the Supreme Court has knocked down term limits set hy his home state, Florida?

The current system rewards seniority, he said. and until everyone is limited, he will not limit

Evidence Puts Blood

Another DNA Test Described

LOS ANGELES - Yet another DNA test links O. J. Simpson to blood at the scene of the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson, at Mr. Simpson's estate and in his Ford Bronco vehicle, a prosecution scientist testified Tuesday.

Mr. Simpson's DNA is consistent with that in a blood drop found closest to the bodies outside Mrs. Simpson's condomin-ium, two blood drops from the condo walkway and a drop tak-en from the driveway at Mr. Simpson's estate, said Rence Montgomery, a criminalist with the state Department of Justice.

All three samples of scrapings taken from under Mrs. Simpson's fingernails were con-sistent with her DNA, she said. and three stains she tested from a gate at the murder scene were consistent with Mr. Simpson's

DNA. The defense says Mr. Simpson was the victim of a conspiracy or of sloppy evidence col-lection by the Los Angeles Police Department. They say the blood under Mrs. Simpson's fingernails was that of a mysterious killer.

■ Report Tied to Conspiracy The Los Angeles Times re-

Lawyers for Mr. Simpson are investigating the intricacies of DNA testing and laying the groundwork for a novel aspect of their police conspiracy theory, eliciting testimony about when certain DNA tests were performed in an effort to link a local television station to what they suggest was a police plot.

On Sept. 21, KNBC-TV committed the hest-known media mistake of the double-murder case, erroneously reporting that DNA tests of Mr. Simpson's socks had shown the presence of Nicole Brown Simpson's blood. In fact, no such tests had vet been performed, and the socks were not submitted for

DNA testing until Sept. 26. Mr. Simpson's attorneys have made much of that mistake, suggesting that the story

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interviews, Monday marked the first time that the jury heard testimony about it,

witness stand.

Mr. Scheck was not allowed to pursue that line of questioning, but he did press ahead on other aspects of the conspiracy theory, asking about the amounts of DNA found in various bloodstains and pointing out that some of the samples collected weeks after the murders had more DNA than some of those collected on the day after the killings.

Prosecutors dispute that contention, and a deputy district attorney derided the defense theories in front of the jury and elicited Mr. Sims's opinion that some elements of those theories struck him as "not really con-

ceivable."

Asked a long hypothetical question about whether a vial of Mr. Simpson's blood could have been used to contaminate evidence, Mr. Sims said. " don't see how that's possible."

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handled the estate.

Of Simpson at Scene

was fed to the station by police sources who knew the DNA results in advance because those same people were involved in planting the evidence. But al-though the defense lawyers have discussed the subject in

"So on Sept. 21, 1994, you had no DNA results consistent with the DNA typings of Nicole Brown Simpson from that sock?" Barry Scheck, a defense attorney, asked during his third day of cross-examining Gary Sims, a senior criminalist with the state Department of Justice who spent all last week on the

"That's correct," Mr. Sims

That, he suggested, was suspicious, because DNA general-ly degrades when left exposed to the elements. Mr. Simpson's attorneys have argued that the samples were planted, which they say explains their high DNA content.

The defense team has paid extra attention to the KNBC report because of the odd fact that its incorrect results were

Clinton Plans a 'Counterbudget'

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton, who three months ago sent Congress a budget that would increase the federal deficit, now says he will respond to Republicans with a 'counterbudget" that eliminates the deficit within 10 years.

POLITICAL NOTES

Mr. Clinton's comments, made during a weekend radio interview with four New Hampshire reporters but not publicly released by the White House, follow statements by many of his senior advisers that setting a date for balancing the budget was arhitrary and would cause severe harm not only to people helped by government programs but perhaps also to the economy itself. Republican budget plans in both the House and Senate achieve halance at the end of seven years.

Senate Republicans continued Monday to demand that the White House and Democrats show how they would eliminate the deficit as they fended off a Democratic effort to restore a portion of proposed cuts in Medicare and Medicaid health spending in their plan.

"Any time we propose something that will get us there, the Democrats say it's not the right way," said the chairman of the Budget Committee, Pete V. Domenici of New Mexico. "Where's their way? Where is their balanced hudget?"

Mr. Clinton made clear in the interview that he would wait for Republicans to embrace one budget before revealing the details of his plan. But he said he finds no problem with balancing the hudget hy a date certain.

"It can be done in seven years," he said. "The question is. What is the penalty and what are the trade-offs? I think it

clearly can be done in less than 10 years."

Christians Criticize Partisanship

WASHINGTON - Saying that America is caught in a spiritual crisis worsened by overly politicized churches, members of a broadly ecumenical group of Christian leaders are releasing a statement calling for a verbal "cease-fire" and a search for common ground untainted by partisan ideology.

"Christian faith must not become another casualty of the

culture wars," says the statement, which has been signed by more than 80 prominent mainline Protestant, evangelical, Orthodox and Roman Catholic leaders, including six Catholic hishops. "Inflamed rhetoric and name-calling is no substitute for real and prayerful dialogue between different constituencies with legitimate concerns and a gospel of love, which can hring people together."
"The Cry for Renewal: Let Other Voices Be Heard" was to

be released Tuesday, a week after the conservative Christian Coalition unveiled its "Contract With the American Family,"

The new statement, in the works for several months, does not respond to the coalition's document, which recommended that Congress restrict late-term abortions and pass a proposed Religious Equality Amendment that would permit some forms of school prayer, among other measures. But it contains pointed criticism aimed at religious conservatives.

"The almost total identification of the Religious Right with the new Republican majority in Washington is a dangerous liaison with political power," the statement says. It also faults religious liherals who have so closely identified with the Democratic Party as to forsake their "moral imagination."

Gingrich Boning Up on Dinosaurs

The speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, is amassing quite a dinosaur collection. Just the other day, the man who once aspired to be a vertehrate paleontologist was presented with a 2-foot-long cast of a stegosaurus tail spike by a paleontology society in Colorado. It goes along with the cast of a Tyrannosaurus rex skull be has on loan from the Museum of Natural History and a T-rex tooth replica. (WP)

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Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher on Republican proposals for severe cuts in foreign aid: We cannot support our nation's foreign policy on the cheap. We cannot protect our interests as the world's most powerful nation if we do not marshal the resources to stand by our commitments." (NYT)

• The owners of the aged Maine Yankee nuclear power plant voted to repair its cracked steam generator tubes. The directors, who represent the 10 New England utilities that own the plant, approved a \$40 million plan to insert sleeves into the Wiscasset plant's 17,000 tubes.

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 An Atlas rocket lobbed a meteorological satellite into Earth orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida, giving the United States a full complement of weather sentries in time for hurricane season. The Lockheed Martin Atlas roared from the launching pad and put the satellite into orbit about 30 minutes later. company officials said.

 Women with advanced ovarian cancer extended their survival rate by 50 percent hy taking a new combination of chemotherapy agents, a study indicates. The study of nearly 400 women found that patients who received the new cancer drug taxol and the chemotherapy agent cisplatin survived an average of 37.5 months, compared with 24.4 months for women who received cisplatin and Cytoxan. (Reuters)

· A parachutist was seriously injured when he tried to jump from the roof of the 76-story Columbia Seafirst Center in • The first Japanese national to be extradited to the United

States for murder has been convicted of killing a Japanese fortune teller and her son in 1994. Raita Fukusaku, 29. was found guilty in Honolulu of second-degree murder. He faces life in prison with a chance of parole at his Aug. 21 sentenc-

· About half of all lung cancer cases diagnosed now are in people who have quit smoking - many of them decades ago. a Los Angeles doctor said. But that does not mean it is futile to kick the habit, said Dr. Gary Strauss, the author of the

 About \$60 million from the Exxon Valdez of-spill settlement will be used to protect a vast tract of prime habitat for bear. salmon, bald eagles and other species on Alaska's Kodiak Island, the Interior Department said.

(AP)

• The Pentagon announced a \$5 million program for research into ailments afflicting veterans of the Gulf War. (AP)

'Profligate' Butler Loses His Hold on Doris Duke's Fortune largest charitable foundations in the country. Largest charitable foundations ture of the Duke fortune into uncertainty. Miss Duke's for Mr. Lafferty, said Surrogate adopted daughter, Chandi Preminger was "a little hit unfair to Bernard," especially fair to Bernard," especially Surrogate Preminger saved Trust has failed to discharge

ma's governor, Frank Keating.

ated Press reported.

Michigan farm.

'Not an Iota of Evidence'

So far, two men, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, bave been charged in the bombing. On Tuesday, Mr. Nichols's

brother, James, was released despite a

prosecutor's suggestion that he was in-

volved in the deadly attack. The Associ-

be is a danger to others." Judge Paul Borman of U.S. District Court in Detroit

ruled Monday, and he ordered Mr. Nichols freed. Mr. Nichols had been held

since two days after the bombing on charges of making small explosives at his

Judge Borman told Mr. Nichols to

limit his travel to certain counties be-

tween Detroit and his hometown, Deck-

er, and wear an electronic monitoring

device at certain times. Mr. Nichols was

about his drinking problems and his lack of education.

"I know a lot of people who have never been to school who

a substance-abuse problem, I

mean, everyone has a sub-

And the fact that he has had

are millionaires," she said.

stance-abuse problem."

also barred from getting a passport.

There is not an iota of evidence that

By James C. McKinley Jr.
New York Times Service

OKLAHOMA CITY - The remains

of the Alfred P. Marrah Federal Build-

ing, hulking over this quiet city like a gaping, ugly wound for a month, came tumbling down Tacsday in a final roar of

Thousands of people, including some who lost friends or relatives when a reat-

al truck nacked with 4,800 pounds of

explosives ripped through the building on April 19 and causing the deaths of 167 people, gathered in solemn silence on

neighboring streets and atop nearby buildings to watch the demolition. Many shuddered, winced or cried as

150 pounds of dynamite in 300 charges

were touched off at 7:01 on a gray, over-

cast, windy morning.

It took only seconds, enough to see the open floors of the nine-story building sag for a moment, then collapse. An upright

section containing the stairwell hesitat-

ed, then slowly toppled, folding itself

neatly on top of the wreckage. Then

NEW YORK - A Manhaitan judge has ruled that the for-mer butler to the late tobacco beiress, Doris Duke, had used her fortune to finance his own "profligate lifestyle" and as a result was unfit to be executor of the \$1.2 billion estate.

Surrogate Eve Preminger said that since Miss Duke died in 1993, the butler, Bernard Lafferty, had moved into her mansions and traveled around in her chauffeured Cadillac and her private Boeing 737 jet at estate expense.

Duke wrote into her will as an executor less than a year before she died, also went on spending sprees, running up huge bills for antiques, clothes and jewelry.

in Mr. Lafferty's lavish spend-

"No one could read this sorry record and conclude that the Duke estate has been provided with the loyal and honorable service that the law demands,"

Surrogate Preminger said.

The decision, which lawyers for Mr. Lafferty and the estate said would be appealed, came after months of hitter wrangling in Manhattan Surrogate Court over who will control what is destined to become one of the

The bomb damaged building collapsing Tuesday in Oklahoma City. Thousands watched the demolition.

Building Where 167 Died Is Now Rubble

there was only a gray cloud and a pile of rubble 17 feet (5 meters) high.

"At least that eyesore, that symbol of "I came here to say goodbye," Priscilla agony, is no longer there," said Oklaho-

Salvers, a Customs Service worker who

was trapped for four hours in the wreck-

age, said before hreaking into tears.
"When I heard the explosion, it brought

it all back. That's just what it sounded

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grand-

children died in the second-floor day-

care center, which took the hrunt of the

truck bomh, covered her face with her

bands and turned away as the blast went

building now," she said. The site may

eventually become a memorial park; the government's General Services Adminis-tration has not yet decided what to do.

Officials here have been saying for days that the implosion of the building — necessary because the wreckage was

too shaky for rescue work, including the

retrieval of at least two bodies - repre-

But it will be a long time before the

sented a chance for "closure."

"At least I won't bave to look at the

like. That's what I remember."

der D. Forger, a prominent trust and estates lawyer, to oversee the estate, along with the Morgan Guaranty Trust

If the ruling is upheld on ap-

peal it will apparently deprive Mr. Lafferty of a \$5 million executor's fee and a lifetime income of \$500,000 a year. The surrogate did not settle allegations from several people contesting the will that Mr. Laf-ferty and his lawyers coerced Miss Duke to make changes in

her will while her mind was addled by drugs and old age. Neither did ahe address allegations from a former nurse and one of the herress' former physicians that Mr. Lafferty conspired with Miss Duke's other doctors to give her a drug overdose on the night she died

m October 1993. The decision throws the fu-drinking, she said.

challenge to the will after reaching a \$65 million settlement with Mr. Lafferty, but that settlement's validity is now un-

When Miss Duke died at 80, she left the bulk of her estate to charity. She had signed her last will six months earlier while she was hospitalized in Los Angeles for malnutrition and dehydra-

The last will gave Mr. Laf-ferty, a barely literate man who he is an alcoholic, enormous power over the newly created Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

In her ruling, the surrogate noted Mr. Lafferty's drinking habits and said be had gone on drinking hinges since his ap-pointment. The estate has paid for his medical expenses when be has been hospitalized for

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Mr. Lafferty, whom Miss

The judge also removed the United States Trust Co. of New York as the co-executor of the estate, saying that the bank's executives should have reined ing. She sharply criticized the bankers for lending Mr. Laf-ferty more than \$825,000 at a time when he had no personal

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service

BELJING - With President Bill Clinton's decision to allow a U.S. visit by the leader of what China considers to be a renegade province, Taiwan, the state of U.S.-China relations is

about to get worse. In many ways, the relation-ship was already headed south. The Clinton policy of "comprehensive engagement" that

was supposed to bind China and the United States as strategic partners working for peace and development in Asia has turned into stylized diplomatic exchanges punctuated by threats of "trade war" over textile quota violations, prison labor exports or the pirating of copyrighted music and soft-

Some Chinese officials now suspect that the United States is developing a "containment" strategy against China through a military pact with Japan, weapons sales to Taiwan and the deployment of an anti-missile system in the Pacific that will neutralize China's strategic

A senior Chinese foreign policy expert told a recent visitor that when Chinese leaders get together these days, the country they voice the most anger toward and dislike for is the United States.

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"We see clear signs of resent-ment and perplexity about the United States," a Western dip-lomat said, "and this is indicative of the underlying suspicions about how the United States really views China,"

Much of the anti-Americanism that has surfaced may be posturing by Chinese leaders

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proaches, but it is nonetheless a reality of national politics. The hope that President Bill

seeking to show their mettle as the death of the paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, ap
Clinton could forge a personal relationship with President Jiang Zemin has devolved into an unspoken policy of high-level avoidance that arises from Mr. Clinton's desire to protect himself politically from a China policy that refuses to go his way, Western diplomats say. For this reason, Western offi-

men were in Moscow this prime minister called American month for V-E Day ceremonies.

In March, Vice President Al fairs.

Gore sought to break the ice It is now painfully clear that with Prime Minister Li Peng at Mr. Clinton's gamble a year ago a UN conference in Copenha- - to end the annual human gen. Mr. Gore was somewhat rights showdown with China by

cials say, Mr. Clinton decided taken ahack. Western officials he would not meet for formal said, when Mr. Li upbraided talks with Mr. Jiang when both the vice president for what the men were in Moscow this prime minister called American odus of political prisoners from Chinese jails and labor camps. Instead, there seems to be an

increase in macabre buman rights accusations, the most recent involving an illicit trade in organs of executed convicts and the sale of human fetuses as food. There are rumors of new disclosures to come about the deliberate starvation of or-

Longtime China hands in the American foreign policy establishment argue that a stable working relationship with China is too important to allow every issue of human rights and trade - or a Taiwan president's visit to his alma mater in New York — to drag Beijing and Washington to the summit of confrontation.

"Do we want a view of China that is centered on organ trans-plants and infanticide or do we want a view of China in which we can recognize positive trends that have been under way here for two decades and build on those so that we have a relationship with China that represents an insurance policy and is not a liability?" a Western diplomat asked.

Instead of answers, contradictions abound

The United States needs China's cooperation in bringing North Korea's nuclear weapons program to an end, Western officials say. But Congress remains riveted by issues of Ti-betan and Taiwanese independence that strike at the core of Chinese sovereignty or, in the case of human rights abuses, embarrass Beijing's Communist Party mandarins.

"The strategie element is not there in our foreign policy de-bate at the moment," a Western diplomat said. "The flightiest issues in terms of their strategie importance are being equated or overshadow issues that are of far more fundamental importance."

What seems to be certain, Chinese and Western officials say, is that China will now respond to Mr. Clinton's decision to overrule 16 years of American policy and allow Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, to visit Cornell University's reunion. The last time China accused

Washington of reneging on their sensitive understandings over the status of Taiwan was in the summer of 1992, when President George Bush said General Dynamics could sell 150 F-16s to Taiwan.

Within days, Chinese leaders leaders met in secret and authorized the sale of M-11 ballistic missiles to Pakistan in violation ington not to do so, Western

officials say.

And now? Will Pakistan get more such technology? Or will China decide to move closer to Iran? Officials say it will be just a matter of time, again.

BRIEFLY ASIA

Backing for Women Against China

BEIJING — Australia, Canada and New Zealand threw their weight Tuesday behind women's organizations fighting to avert Chinese plans to shunt their 1995 global forum to a rural resort outside Beijing.

Diplomats from the three nations made high-level representations to the Foreign Ministry, urging China to rescind a decision to change the forum site from Beijing to the rural town of Husirou, more than an hour from the city center, officials said. Australia's permanent representative to the United Na-

tions will raise the matter with Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Australian Embassy said. A 19-member committee representing worldwide nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, voted on May 10 to reject China's proposal to move the forum's venue to Huairou.

Some 1,300 organizations are accredited for the Ang. 30-Sept. 8 NGO Forum, which coincides with the Fourth World Conference on Women, a decennial gathering. (Reuters)

Uncertainty in U.S.-Korea Talks

KUALA LUMPUR — North Korea and the United States on Tuesday ended a third round of inconclusive talks aimed at resolving differences over the North's anciear industry. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said working level officials met for three hours on Tuesday evening.

The heads of the two delegations retreated to the sidelines as lower-level officials tried to resolve the problem of who will appeals resolve to North Korea es part of an accord signed

supply reactors to North Korea as part of an accord signed last October. There was no word on whether the two heads of the delegations - the North Korean deputy foreign minister, Kim Kye Gwan, and the U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asia and the Pacific, Thomas Hubbard— would rejoin the talks on Wednesday, the spokesman said. (Reuters)

Schism in Breakaway Indian Party

NEW DELHI — A crack appeared in a breakaway faction of India's ruling Congress (I) Party on Tuesday, four days after the dissidents formally split with Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao.

A newly appointed member of the rebel camp's governing board, K. K. Tiwari, said he had resigned from the panel in displeasure only hours after being named to it because he had not been consulted about being named to the 25-member panel. He also said he feared the secretive method by which he was appointed clashed with the rebels' objectives and sent the wrong signal.

For the Record

Beijing policemen detained another dissident, Jiang Qisheng, a signer of an appeal to China's Communist Party demanding tolerance of differing opinions. The detention brought to seven the number of dissidents rounded up before the sixth anniversary of the June 4, 1989, crackdown on student demonstrators. Four other dissidents have disappeared.

More than 200,000 people are starving in Son La Province and parts of Dac Lac Province, two remote mountainous areas of Vietnam, official press reports from Hanoi said

About 70 South Koreans demonstrated in front of a U.S. military base in Seoul to protest what they called increasing crimes involving U.S. soldiers. Last Friday, South Korean policemen arrested 12 U.S. soldiers for allegedly beating a Korean man in a brawl at a Seoul subway station. The soldiers were later turned over to U.S. military anthorities. (AP)

VOICES: From Asia

Qian Qichen, Chinese foreign minister, reacting to the U.S. decision to allow a visit by President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan: "On behalf of the Chinese government, I hereby lodge a strong protest with the U.S. administration."

Roger Moss, finance director of Hong Kong's Mass Transit Railway Corp.: "Debt is a product, like a vegetable in a vegetable market. If it's good quality, people will return to buy it again." (Bloomberg)

Wataru Kubo, Socialist Party leader, addressing a rally in Tokyo to support Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama's plan to apologize for Japan's World War II aggression: "If we can't pass the resolution, we will not be able to explain ourselves to victims of the war at home and abroad."

(Reuters)



As U.S.-China Relations Slide, Taiwan Visit Gives a Push

PROTESTERS FLOOD DELHI — Thousands of women from Haryana state with empty water jars parading through New Delhi on Tuesday to protest a recent water allocation agreement that allots more water to other states.

Police Unit Is Accused of Murdering 11 in Manila

Agence France-Presse MANILA — A police investigator here has asserted that a special anti-crime unit killed 11 people in cold blood last week

and made it appear that they were bank

robbers slain in a shoot-out with police-

The allegations by the senior police officer, Eduardo de los Reyes, led to his dismissel by Chief Superintendent Romeo radio station Tuesday radio station Tuesday and oracer had improperly disclosed

evidence in a continuing investigation. Relatives of some of the dead men said they were college students, and they threatened to sue over their deaths.

"Relatives of the victims are entitled to file cases against those involved if they have evidence," Mr. Acop said.

President Fidel V. Ramos hailed the

deaths of the 11 last week, citing an "effective intelligence network" for the downfall of a "big time robbery syndicate."

But Mr. de los Reyes said Monday that the men were in handcuffs in police vans shortly before the supposed shoot-out. He said he saw two policemen enter the vans and then heard gunshots. After the two officers left the vans, they and several

other policemen sprayed the prisoners with automatic rifle shots. Mr. de los Reyes also asserted that his Acop said.

superiors, whom he did not identify, asked him to tamper with the serial numbers of the firearms that had been taken from the suspects' bodies.

Mr. Acop on Tuesday called on Mr. de los Reves to turn over evidence in the case to the police crime laboratory so the probe could continue. The officers who took part in the shoot-out were being questioned by investigators, be added.

He said Mr. de los Reyes had yet to make a sworn statement detailing his allegations.

"The investigation is continuing." Mr.

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NORTH AMERICA

Deng Is Fine, His Daughter Tells a Paper Agence France-Presse

HONG KONG - The eldest daughter of Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, insists that her father and mother are in good health, a pro-Beijing newspaper here said Tuesday.

"My father's health is good," Deng Lin was quoted as saying in the Wen Wei Po newspaper. 'My mother's health is good. My brothers and sisters are fine, too." She accused "certain overseas media" of carry-

of whom have been seen in public for a year. Various reports in recent weeks have said that Mr. Deng, 90, has run a fever, gone into a coma or lost the

ability to see clearly.

ing "meaningless" reports

Sri Lanka Chief Vows to Overcome Rebels Claiming Western Support, She Vows to Use 'Any Means'

COLOMBO - President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has vowed to use "any means" to restore peace to Sri Lanka, and her government has won Western support ahead of a major offensive against Tamil rebels, diplomats said

Tuesday. In her first televised address to the nation since the start of the latest hostilities, Mrs. Kumaratunga said ethnic war was being forced on the country by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil

"If peace cannot be achieved through peaceful means, we will achieve it through any other means," the president said in her speech Monday. "Our fight is only against those who oppose peace.

Mrs. Kumaratunga is a mem-ber of the mostly Buddhist Sin-

the north for the mostly Hindu She admitted that the securi-

ty forces had suffered setbacks in the first two weeks of fighting after the Tamil Tigers walked out of peace talks on April 19, but she said that the army had gained the upper hand since

"We will not give conflicting and confusing signals to the military," she continued. "Clear and coherent strategies are in the process of being implement-Sources in the army confirmed that it was acquiring

ters and gunboats to mount a major offensive against the Ti-The Tigers have warned

mats here said the government had attracted international support with its six-month effort to reach agreement with the Tigers because it seemed to be making every effort to work out a solution to the war.

ga's speech, the Australian for-eign minister, Gareth Evens, who was on a visit, assailed the Tigers for having scuttled the ace drive and urged expatriate Tamils to pressure the rebel leadership to stop fighting.

. Just before Mrs. Kumaranın-

Nearly 500 people have been killed since fighting resumed a month ago. The army admitted losing 246 men and said that 235 rebels had been killed. new transport planes, helicop-

Mrs. Kumaratunga said several nations had promised military aid to Sri Lanka, but she

halese majority. The Tigers Tamil civilians to be ready for a have been fighting Colombo for large scale battle.

Tamil civilians to be ready for a declined to say which ones. Her army is poorly equipped to fight the Tigers, who are regarded as one of the deadliest guer-

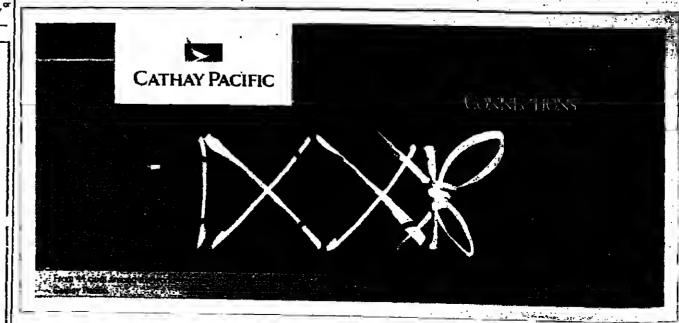
rilla groups in the world. Mr. Evans said that during his one-day visit, the Sri Lankan government had not asked for military help from Austra-lia, which is home to a substantial Tamil community.

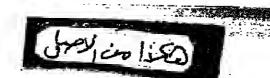
mantic" idea of the Tigers, Mr. Evans said, adding that the Tiger leadership had showed "no discernable will" to negotiate. "I have no hesitation in telling the Tamils in Australia that this kind of destructive approach will receive a sharp and

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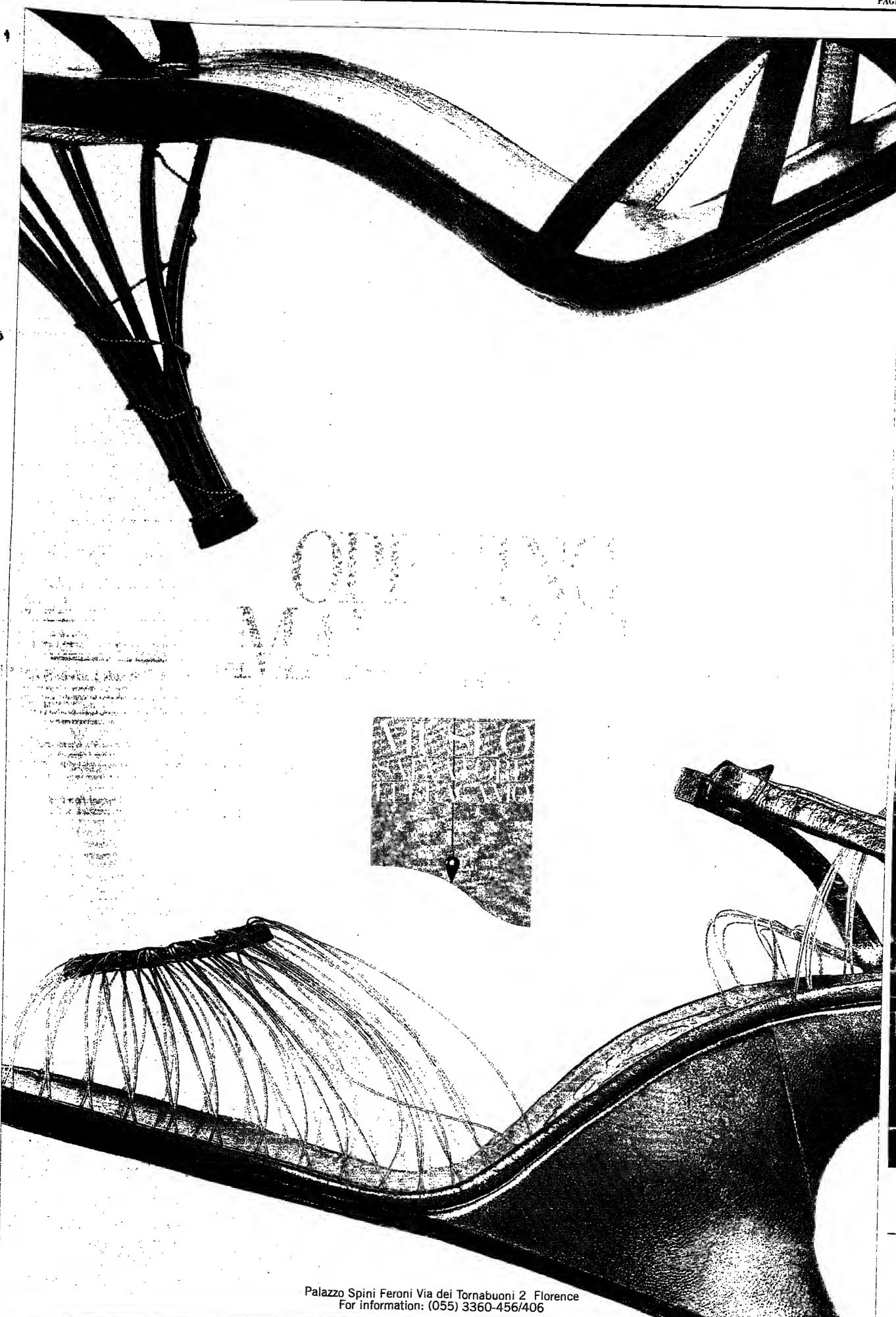
strong reaction from the international community," he said. The United States, the Euro pean Union, Australia and some Asian nations have all criticized the Tigers' return to violence.

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Magnitude of Pipeline Spill in Russia Emerges With Spring's Thaw

By Margaret Shapiro Washington Past Service

USINSK, Russia — It looks as if some-one poured buckets of thick black ink into the streams, coating miles of hanks, bushes and birch trees with a slimy cover of crude oil, inches deep. The cold wind stinks of petroleum vapors.

The river into which these creeks feed is covered with a rainbow slick for miles. Nearby, a lake of gooey crude, the size of several football fields, burns furiously. sending a billowing column of acrid, hluegray smoke into the air, where it drifts for miles above the tundra — the flat, subarctic plain that in these parts is marsby.

Experts argue about the size of the pipeline oil spill that occurred last summer in the remote Komi region of Russia, 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) northeast of Moscow — whether it was eight times the size of the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill off Alaska or just three times.

There is no question, bowever, that an environmental disaster of major proportions is emerging from a deep winter

This is a monster spill," said Richard

McGahan, ooe of dozens of Alaskans experienced in oil cleanups who are hard at work on a World Bank-funded effort to block the oil from further fouling Komi's rivers and tundra. "I've just never seen

anything like it." There is also no question that serious environmental degradation of this frigid oil-producing region has been going on for years. Dozens of other spills and leaks from corroding, poorly maintained oil pipelines abound, easily visible from the main road out of Usinsk. Pools of oilslicked water spread out from an old refin-

Sections of marshland are black and dead where the regional oil company, Ko-mineft, bas burned off spills. Fish catches from local rivers have plummeted since the mid-1970s, and what is caught often smells of oil. Milk of cows pasturing on river

hanks has been found to be tainted.

According to Alexei Yablokov, a biologist who is President Boris N. Yeltsin's environment adviser, the Usinsk mess is hardly singular. Wanton disregard for nature was the norm for decades in the Soviet

"In our country, rivers, lakes and foresis were sacrificed in the name of industrial development," Mr. Yahlokov said recent-

Today in Russia, nearly all major rivers are contaminated, air in some regions is a health hazard, and nuclear fallout or poorly stored nuclear and chemical wastes pollute swaths of land.

"The ecological situation in Russia is truly alarming," Mr. Yablokov said.
The Usinsk oil spill, which a recent

World Bank report called one of the world's largest, was probably not even the worst or messiest that Russia bas seen, Mr. Yablokov said.

"I am sure that we have larger spills every year, but nobody knows of them," he told the Russian newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta last month.

The oil spread across 70 hectares (170 acres) of sireams and fragile bogs and marshland when sections of the underground Usinsk-Kharyaga pipeline, built in 1975 and heavily corroded after inadequate maintenance, sprang what the World Bank report called a "veritable explosion of major leaks" last August and September.

In a dozen or more places, hot crude oil poured into the earth, pooling and eventually spilling into creeks and streams.

Officials from Kominett, which operates the leaky pipeline, responded as they had to previous spills: Strict secrecy prevailed as they attempted to stanch the flow with dams. They set some of the oil on fire.

But the cash-strapped company, which has laid off many workers and is months late in paying others, did not shut off the pipeline, and oil continued to spill out of it. At the same time, heavy rains collapsed some of the makeshift dams.

As many as 20,000 tons of oil hlackened first the Kolva River and then the Usa and Pechora rivers as well, according to the Usinsk ecology committee. That amount compares with the 35,000 tons of oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

"It was like some dark snow on the water," said Alexander Milyokhin, from the fishing village of Ust-Usa at the confluence of the Usa and Pechora rivers. The oil just coated the whole river. We thought maybe there bad been some problem with a pipe, but we never thought it could be such a huge accident."

Russian officials now say, however, that they believe about 100,000 tons oozed out of the pipeline. American experts at the time the spill became public last fall suggested that as many as 270,000 tons had spread through the tundra.

Kominest insists the damage was no more than about 14,000 tons and accuses Western officials, who revealed the spill to the world, of exaggerating the situation to make Komineft look bad.

"They exaggerated, that's for sure," said Sergei Kuznetsov, head of Kominest operations in Usinsk. During the same period, there were more oil spills in the West. This oil spill was just a local emergency. I can't understand wby the whole world is inter-

Mr. Kuznetsov and other oil company officials fault the Russian government and before that, the Soviet government for not providing adequate funding over the years for pipeline maintenance and construction, and, now, for taxing the company so heavily that it can barely sur-The most corroded part of the pipeline

was replaced months after the spill, but Russian and Western officials suggested in interviews last week that it was poorly built and might cause more such problems. Further damage was haited by the onset f winter, which froze the black crude in

place; in huge pools, on river banks, around stands of now-haggard trees. Snow

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fell and covered it. But now the snow has melted, and the rivers are flowing. The oil, until recently the consistency of peanut butter, is thin-

ning and flowing, too. Russian and Western cleanup crews, who had no idea what they were facing when they began plotting a cleanup strategy a few months ago, are scraping, scooping, siphoning and suctioning around the clock to prevent any more oil from getting into the river system.

Russia, smarting from having the West sound the alarm over this spill, delayed until late January a request for Western

In March, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development agreed to provide \$125 million for a new pipeline and cleanup; they stipulated that the effort be undertaken by a Western company experienced with modern and environmentally sound techniques for dealing with oil spills

Spending on the Exxon Valdez cleanup, which was spread over a much wider area. exceeded \$2 billion.



HUNG UP — A Greenpeace member hanging near a banner draped at Royal Dutch/Shell Group headquarters in The Hague. The group was protesting Shell's plans to bury a decommissioned oil platform in the Atlantic.

Peace Talks Due, Battles Still Rage in Chechnya

ratists fought fierce hattles chen capital now held by the around a rebel-beld village Russians. Tuesday even as a European security official said serious

Negotiations between Ruschen leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, beld under international aus-

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Sandor Meszaros, who beads the assistance mission of the c top-level peace talks would take Organization for Security and Cooperation in Enrope in Chechnya, said be believed that sians and the secessionist Che- all those invited to attend

would turn up. Prospects for a deal between

Reuers pices, are scheduled to open in General Dudayev and the Rusvillage of Bamut in southwest GROZNY, Russia — Rus-Thursday morning bere in sians, who call the war an in-Chechnya. Russia's defense minister, Pavel S. Gracbev, said on May 13 that his forces would fight until the

rebels realized they bad no option but to surrender. The Russian pursuit of the separatists continued Tuesday. The Itar-Tass press agency said Russian forces again shelled

woods around the rebel-held

Russian planes also kept up rocket and bomh attacks on the village and surrounding areas, the agency said.

The better-armed Russians have pushed Checben separatists out of the towns on the plains and are shelling suspected rebel positions in southern foothills.

tive of inviting Mr. Adams to meet with him before the formal opening of the conference in part because he knew the tension of the two being there together — without meeting — could overwhelm coverage of the conference, overshadowing its purpose, which is to promote investment in Northern Ireland hy U.S. and Canadian compa-

Northern Ireland peace pro-cess questions of who meets with whom, when and where. have become nearly an obsession here. The symbolic movement, which matters, has thus

So much do they matter that the mix of the conference has also produced ritual boycotts hy the most prominent Protes-tant politicians in Northern Ireland: the Reverend lain Paisley, the immovable leader of the most immovable Protestant party, and James Molyneaux, the more soft-spoken but equally uncompromising force against change. They simply do not appear in the same room

Before the Talks

ley's Democratic Unionist Par-

ty and Mr. Molyneaux's Ulster

Unionist Party — will be repre-

can be understood by a glimpse

at the modern history of the

conflict, which began in the

1920s. After centuries of strug-

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gle, Britain relinquished control

over the 26 predominantly

Catholic counties that were

then the south of Ireland and

now form the independent Re-

Britain - at the urging of

many Protestants - held on to the six majority Protestant

counties in the north, which col-

lectively became the province of

Since then, largely Catholic Irisb "nationalists" have been

seeking reunification of the is-

land while mostly Protestant

"unionists" bave with equal in-

transigence sought to retain the

link with Britain. Violence by

paramilitary organizations

Last fall, secret and indirect

contacts among British offi-

cials, Sinn Fein and the IRA

produced an announcement of

the IRA, followed shortly by a

similar declaration by their

Protestant counterparts, the Ul-

ster Freedom Fighters and the

Then a few weeks ago, the

British government announced

it was satisfied that Sinn Fein,

which it equates with the IRA.

might seriously discuss the subject of disposing of weapons and explosives in Northern Ire-

land, and Britain opened minis-

That announcement has had

a dramatic impact on the peace

process. The conference this

week will be the first time top

British and Irish officials have

met together at the White

House and the first time repre-

sentatives of the main paramili-

tary organizations — the Progressive Unionist Party and the

Ilster Democratic Party on the

Protestant side and Sinn Fein

oo the Catholic side - will at-

tend the same forum at the

same time. It will also be the

first time Mr. Mayhew meets

reporters last week, Mr. May-hew acknowledged that his mvi-

tation to Mr. Adams was in part

designed to tame what he saw as the media zoo in Washington.

But be also said he believed the meeting would help bring in po-tential investors.

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Investment Meeting in U.S. Brings Old Foes Together

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Success for Irish

By Fred Barbash Washington Post Service

LONDON - The Northern Ireland Investment Conference scheduled for Wednesday in Washington may or may not produce any investment.

But it looks likely to produce a remarkable political achievement: Based oo the current list of attendees, it will succeed in getting more people from more different parties under one roof than ever before in the modern history of the conflict.

Along with hundreds of business leaders, there will be representatives of organizations "close to" Roman Catholic and Protestant paramilitary groups. They are accustomed to shooting at, but never talking with, one another.

Political parties on all sides, accustomed to trading rhetoric hut only at a distance, will also be represented, as will top gov-ernment officials from Britain and the Republic of Ireland.

Most closely watched by the Britisband Irish press will be an from both sides has claimed tween Patrick Maybew, the British cabinet-level official in charge of Northern Ireland, and Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army, who have spent years in mutual denunciation but, as a matter of British policy, have never met.

Mr. Mayhew took the initia-

Although no one expects substantive movement in the already been accomplished.

But their parties - Mr. Pais-

BRIEFLY EUROPE

For Cheap Fun, Madrid's the Place

BRUSSELS — Madrid is the European Union's cheapest city for expatriate drinkers, eaters and smokers, according to Eurostat, the Union's statistics agency.

Finland's capital. Helsinki, is the most expensive place for food, drink and tobacco in the bloc.

In a report made public Tuesday, the Luxembourg-based agency said Copenhagen was the most expensive EU capital to live in, followed by Paris, Berlin and Vienna. For cheapest capital, there was a tie, with Athens and Lisbon taking the honors.

The survey, based on three years' worth of data, did not consider spending by locals, but looked mainly at costs to foreign government and business officials "with a relatively high standard of living."

The cheapest place to buy clothes and shoes was London; Paris was the most expensive.

Finland to Pursue a U.S. Air Pact

HELSINKI - Finland is to go ahead with its own "open skies" agreement with the United States despite European Union objections, and hopes to finalize the pact in late June, a Transport Ministry spokeswoman said Tuesday, Transport Minister Tuula Linnainmaa told the daily Hel-

singin Sanomat that she was prepared to take up a challenge by the EU transportation commissioner, Neil Kinnock, and defend her decision to seal a pact bilaterally through the European Court,

"It is in Finnish interests to keep the national aviation business in our own hands," she was quoted as saying. "If the commission wishes, we will go to court. Kinnock's threat doesn't have any weight in this matter."

Four other small EU states currently talking to Washington

- Austria, Beigium, Denmark and Sweden - have not yet said if they would drop bilateral talks and let the commission negotiate an overall deal.

Protesters Blockade Ports in Spain

ALMERIA, Spain - Spanish fishermen and farmers blockaded southern ports Tuesday to stop two trucks from heading north with cargoes of Moroccan melons and olives.

Port authorities said protesters stopped a French truck carrying 10 tons of melons and forced it back to North Africa A Spanish truck carrying Moroccan olives was prevented

from leaving the port and remained in Almeria. Fishermen are angered by Moroccan calls for drastic cuts in Spanish quotas as part of any new fishing accord with the

European Union.

Protests began last week, when fishermen and farmers blockaded the port of Algeeiras, which faces Tangier across the Strait of Gibraitsr.

(Reuters)

EU Urges River Travel for Freight

BRUSSELS — The European Commission adopted plans Tuesday to relieve pressure on the Continent's congested highways by promoting freight transportation by river and

In a statement, the European Union's executive body said shipping goods by inland waterways was safer, better for the environment and more energy efficient than road or rail transportation. By making waterways more economically attractive, we

will encourage freight operators to take cargoes off our congested roads," said Neil Kinnock, the EU transportation

Mr. Kinnock said Europe's canal network already carried more than one-third of total freight transported among the 15 EU member nations.

Calendar

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday: BRUSSELS: Karel van Miert, EU Commissioner for

Competition Policy, presents annual report on competition. TOKYO: Edith Cresson, EU Commissioner for Research and Development, visits Japan to meet with Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and other government officials.

BRUSSELS: Manuel Marin, EU Commissioner for Relations with Asia, Mediterranean and Latin America, addresses EU Parliament committee on regional policy.

WASHINGTON: Monika Wulf-Mathies, regional policy commissioner, participates in the White House Conference

on Trade and Investment in Ireland. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

German Police Ram Fugitives and Free Guard

- The police recaptured two ness, Jens Goda.

escaped convicts Tuesday who had led them on a wild chase A prison guard taken hostage

was freed unharmed. The two convicts, both in-fected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and described as armed and dangerous, had been driving around the city of Osnabrueck, tossing hank notes out

of their car window. Special police units moved in as the convicts' car stopped at a traffic light. Several unmarked police cars rammed it, and dozens of officers dragged the two men and their hostage from the

"The whole operation took kilometers (60 miles) from Os-since 1979. Mr. Strüdinger, who nabrueck, taking the 35-year-was convicted of manslaughter, OSNABRUECK, Germany only 10 seconds," said a wit-

neisen, 37, and Peter Strii-

ess, Jens Goda.

Old prison guard. Dietmar took a hostage 11 years ago in a Kraft, with them. They used similar escape but was caught essen, 37, and Peter Struweapons they had made them—the next day in Bremen. Mr.

across northern Germany since dinger, 38, escaped from a pris-breaking out of prison Sunday. on in Celle, about 100 Both

Both men had been in prison bery and fraud.

Moves to Avert TV Referendums Fail in Italy

ROME - All-party negotia-, would, if passed, compel Silvio ing collapsed Tuesday, a media-

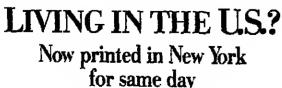
Italians will now almost cer-

tions on a deal to avert a round Berlusconi, a media owner and of politically charged referen- former prime minister, to sell of politically charged referen-dums on television broadcast-two of his three private nei-ments and having evaluated the works. tor. Giorgio Bogi, said.

Mr. Berlusconi's Fotza Italia The breakdown means that party said Monday that it was pulling out of negotiations and tainly vote in the referendums accused leftist and centrist par-

on June 11. The key referendum ties of trying to "demolish" Mr. would, if passed, compel Silvio Bertusconi's Fininvest empire.

various positions, it is not possible to conclude negotiations to avoid the television referendums," Mr. Bogi told reporters



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In Lisbon For Business

LISBON has a long and disfinctive patrimony. Today, the city is a bustling capital that looks to Europe for its

Getting Around

Lisbon has a subway system, the Metropolitano, and buses and streetcars. Most are crowded; all are cheap. Taxis are plentiful, except

when you need them, and relatively inexpensive. Many drivers speak some English. Metered fares do not include a tip; add about 10 percent. For journeys out of town, there are plenty of limos. Ask your hotel concierge to negotiate a price - and then try to bargain it down. You don't need to add a tip to the agreed fare.

We do not recommend taking a taxi - or driving yourself - along the coastal highway, the Marginal, to Estoril and Cascais. Recent studies have shown it to be one of the most dangerous highways in Europe. Instead, take the new A5 toll road or try the fast, frequent commuter trains, which start from a station near the ferryport on the river. The train offers a magnificent view of

At a Glance

Lisbon is built on hills facing the estuary of the River Tagus. Business Lisbon is compact, and most of the outstanding restaurants are located in the city center. The easiest way to visualize the city is to imagine one is landing from the Tagus at the Estação Fluvial Sul e

To the right, rising steeply to a peak, is what remains of carly Lisbon, the picturesque and crowded Alfama neighborhood of Roman, Moorish and Visigoth origin. This was the old Moorish and Jewish

A Getting Around

Straight ahead is the "new" city. The huge Praça do Comércio (Commercial Square), open to the sea at the front, is flanked by impressive, pinkish hmildings and leads through arches to another vast square, the Praça Don Pedro IV, known as the Rossio. The area between, the Baixa, is the central commercial, hanking and shopping district..

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Back to the waterfront. Left, looking inland, are hills and a maze of streets. some of them extremely steep. This is the Bairro Alto, home of fado houses and some of Lisbon's best restaurants. Looking sharply left, the coast stretches along the Tagus to Estoril and Cascais, two fashionable resorts, the first with an elegant casino.

Wining & Dining

Now turn your back on the city of Lishon and look across the river's broad mouth. There are some of the most important industrial suburbs. There also are some good, crowded, and noisy popular restaurants specializing in fish and seafood.

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Portuguese resembles both Spanish and Italian in written form but sounds entirely different when spoken. Most native speakers swal-low whole syllables, so that vinho tinto (red wine) becomes "vin tint." A surprisingly high proportion of Portuguese speak another lan-

guage, usually English. Portugal prides itself on its gastronomy and offers a wide variety of dishes, most of which are earthy and fill-

Lisbon's best restaurants honor Portuguese traditions while refining the recipes. Fish and seafood are tasty and fresh.

Wines are an adventure. The very best - which are not cheap - rival those of France, Italy and Spain. And, of course, Portugal is the home of - you guessed it - port. You can drink a white port as an aperitif, but it is better to wait until the end of a meal for the red. Another good aperitif is Madeira, although it is usually drunk as a dessert wine.

Tips are not included in the check, so an extra 10 percent should be added to restaurant or har bills. Tip café waiters and parking lot or toilet attendants from 50 to 100 escudos.

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Varina da Madragoa, 34 Rua Madres. Tel.: 396-5533. A traditional tavern converted into a restaurant, close to the legislative assembly, the Palacio Sao Bento. Simple, traditional fare served politely. Popular with embassy officials and journalists.

Calling Around

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ing restaurant, with high THE FIVE-STAR SHERATON LISBOA stone arches, walk-in fire-Hotel & Towers is a true haven for business travelers in the place and walls lined with busy Portuguese copitol. gleaming copper utensils. Overlooking the traditional Fine Portuguese and other tiled roots of Lisbon, the hotel has 384 rooms, each with a Gamhrinus, 25 Rua das stunning view of the city, the Portas de Santo Antao. Tel.:

harbor or the Tagus River. The hotel is located next to the Edward VII Park in a historic area of the city and has the added advantage of being only 9.5 kilometers from the airport. Guests con da business, shap ar enjoy nightilfe in the immediate

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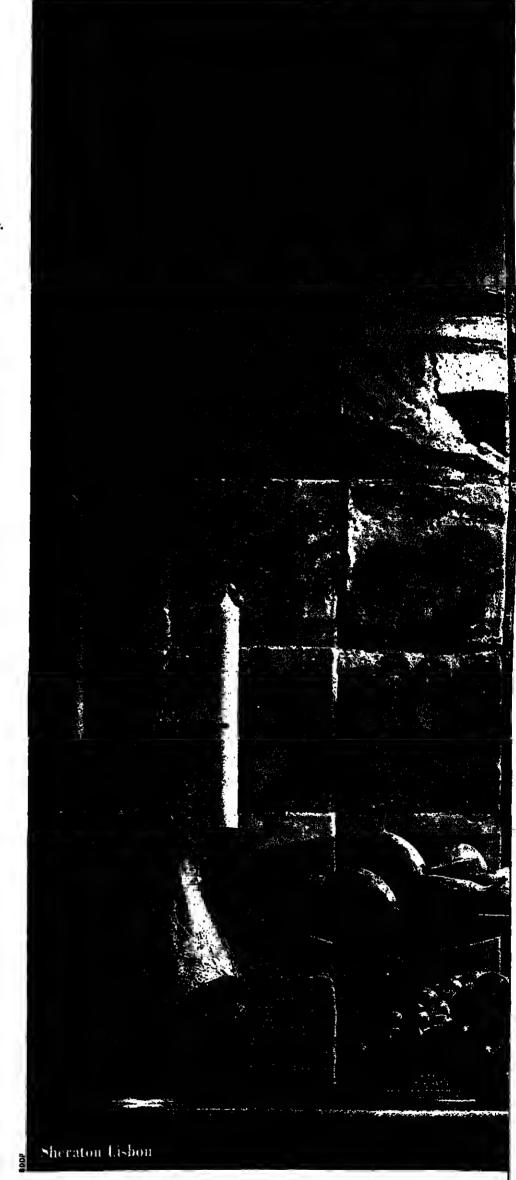
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Now Let's See: Where Does President Live?

By David Von Drehle Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The most famous address in America no longer exists.

Oh, no doubt the White House will continue to get any mail sent to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, But at dawn last Saturday, the president stopped living on a street and began living in a subtly fortified park. Penn-

NEWS ANALYSIS

sylvania Avenue was closed to traffic between 15th and 17th Streets, eventually to become a sort of plaza. From H Street all the way south to the edge of the Ellipse, the White House will be surrounded by fences and gates and guard houses.

People live on streets. Kings live in parks. This is not a new observation: President George Washington and his secretary of state, Thomas Jefferson, argued about this very point 200 years ago. Pierre L'Enfant, designer of the capital city, had envisioned a broad avenue that would lead from the Capitol at one end to the president's house at the other - a brilliant conceptual linkage of the two great

constitutional powers.

Washington believed this avenue should end at the grounds of a huge presidential palace, befitting a monarch.

Jefferson disagreed. To symbolize that the president was a citizen like any other, he proposed a more modest mansion. He prevailed, and for generation upon generation, Americans on their way from one being renovated, Mr. Coffelts place to another, in the course of their ordinary husiness, have been able to pass the president's house, on horsehack, hy trolley. in huses and cars.

The president was a person who lived on a street.

Pennsylvania Avenue has been routinely open to traffic for the entire history of our republic," President Bill Clinton said. "Through four presiden-tial assassinations and eight unsuccessful attempts on the lives of presidents, it's been open. Through a civil war, two world wars, and the Gulf War, it was

But now it must be closed." "America's Main Street," it thing" and added: "There has been called, and it took a lot weren't that many options."

to close it down. The British invaded Washington and burned the White House to the ground in the War of 1812. That

didn't do it. The country split in two and fought a war, but President Ahraham Lincoln had to be talked into grudgingly accept-

ing a bodyguard.

Although Bonus Marchers went right to the gates of the White House during the Depression and threatened to riot. the trolleys up Pennsylvania Avenue weren't diverted.

During World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt nixed even the suggestion that he should camouflage the White House and hlack out the

Outside 1651 Pennsylvania Avenue, on the stretch of street that no longer exists, is a plaque commemorating the heroism of

Clinton has stopped living on a street and begun living in a subtly fortified park.

Leslie Coffelt, "White House policeman who gave his life in defense of the President of the United States here at Blair House, Nov. 1, 1950." Terrorists armed with handguns had attacked the house where President Harry S. Truman was liv-ing while the White House was and one of the gunmen died in the firefight. Truman's response: No more public announcements of his daily walks,

But terrorists do not just pack guns anymore. The hipartisan review of White House security seemed to take it for granted that sooner or later a truck bomber would pay a visit to 1600 Pennsylva-

Even Mr. Clinton's rivals did not disagree with his conclusion. The Senate majority Leader and would-be president, Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, said Mr. Clinton "did the right

The House speaker. News Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, expressed misgivings but. once it was done, did not object.

Instead, Mr. Gingrich mentioned the really frightening thought lingering in a lot of minds as the oresident's street was closed. "The thing that is sad about this is, when something had happens, it will hap-pen in a way we haven't thought of," Mr. Gingrich told CNN. In other words, the had guys will he "forced to be slightly more

Folks who say the federal government is terminally slow and unwieldy have not seen the Secret Service in action. At 5 A.M., the first traffic was diverted. By 9 A.M., gray con-crete barriers blocked the avenue where some three dozen newly inaugurated presidents have paraded, and the victorious Grand Army of the Repub-lic, the heroes of the world wars and the bodies of beloved presidents Lincoln. Roosevelt and

Kennedy. By 11 A.M., the roadblocks had heen decorated by huge concrete pots full of geraniums. which added a hit of life and color. Strollers added more color and tourists posed for snapshots in the center median strip.

Safer, quieter, lovelier - the pedestrian mall where the street used to he may turn out better in many respects, just as the president's advisory panel claimed in its report. But those factors were not decisive. Fear and menace and evil were the decisive factors; only they could change the age-old symbolism on the street where the

At noon, most of the work was done. Now and then a car on official business was allowed to weave through the harriers. hut only after being inspected hy a bomb-sniffing dog. Nearby, a crane dropped barriers around Lafavette Park. Not nia, and bystanders would sureto vehicles, so was the park.

moved from the city. A piece of the city was, in a sense, being locked up with him. Lafayette



only was the street being sealed A Washington pedestrian strolling across the suddenly empty Pennsylvania Avenue.

and advocates for the homeless. Through the years, that square presidency. Depression-era vet- over a gulf of asphalt. Now the In the sunshine — as the park something had died.

And so, it was not just that erans camped out there, and op- park and the White House are was sealed off, one of her signs the president was being reponents of the war in Vietnam, closed up together in one big moved from the city. A piece of and advocates for the homeless, bubble, crusted with concrete, bomb, die by the bomb." For more than a decade, Ellen across the street from the White Thomas has kept her anti-nu-

In Washington, America took a step to live through an Park, which has long been a House has been a place to conclear vigil across Pennsylvania age of the mad truck bomber, symbol of protest against the front power, to face it down Avenue from the White House. And it was hard not to feel that

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TOPICS

At the Beep, Please Try To Be Original

A Washington Post columnist. Boh Levey, asked readers for funny answering

machine messages.

Some of the replies:

On a psychologist's phone: "Please emit verbal response at the auditory

stimulus."
Antisocial: "We know who you are and why you are calling, so at the beep. hang up.

Suggestive (delivered in a throaty feminine voice): You know what I want. Give it to me."

Presidential (to the tune of "Hail to the Chief"): "We are not in the Oval Office at this time. We will, to the best of our abilities, faithfully execute the task of calling you back, so help us God." And some actual exam-

Anne S. Knight, a fan of "Gone With the Wind," has had this on her machine for years, in a gently accented southern voice: "Please leave a message, and I'll call you back - tomorrow. After all, tomorrow is another

Brad Lund of Baltimore: This is the Lund residence. The answering machine is on vacation. This is the re-frigerator speaking. State your message slowly and clearly. I'll write it down and stick it to myself with one of those little magnets."

Short Takes

Nobody who has entered the federal Witness Protec-tion Program and faithfully followed the guidelines has ever been tracked down hy vengeful defendants or their cohorts, according to a spokesman for the Federal Marshals Service.

The service has handled 6,439 witnesses and 8,079 of their family members since 1971. But some people go back to the scene of their old crimes and get gunned

If old neighborhoods are dangerous, so are old habits.

Joseph (The Animal) Barboza, who testified against a New England crime boss Joseph Patriarca, was bludgeoned to death in 1976 after using his new identity to start a second life of crime.

In an astronomical event that happens every 15 years. the rings of Saturn all but disappeared for 24 minutes

this week. Most of the world's big telescopes were trained on the planet to record the event, which allows astronomers to look for new moons. The phenomenon, known as a ring plane crossing, causes Saturn's distinctive rings to be seen edge-on from Earth.

With the rings temporarily invisible because of the Earth-Saturn alignment, telescopes can pick out faint objects near the planet.

Thirteen of Saturn's 18 known moons have been discovered during plane cross-

Skylar Byrd, 15, a junio at Banneker High School the most academically rigorous in Washington, D.C. scored 1,600, the highest possible score, on her Schoastic Assessment Test.

Skylar, who is hlack, said, I opened the letter and saw the two 800s and I thought: This must be the possible score. Now where are my scores? Then I started jumping up and down." Skylar scored her 800s in

English and mathematics. A pupil can score 1,600 and still answer a few questions incorrectly. Skylar got three wrong.
She wants to study inter-

national relations and business at an lvy League col-

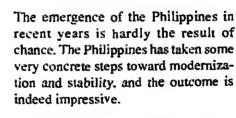
Jay Leno, a television talkshow host, says in the cur-rent issue of TV Guide magazine that he provides jokes for, as well as about Presi-dent Bill Clinton.

A nonpartisan gagster, he has done the same for former President-Ronald Reagan and Senator Bob Dole. Mr. Leno wrote that no pay is involved.

He remarked, "Politics is just show business for ugly people.

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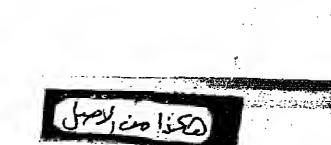
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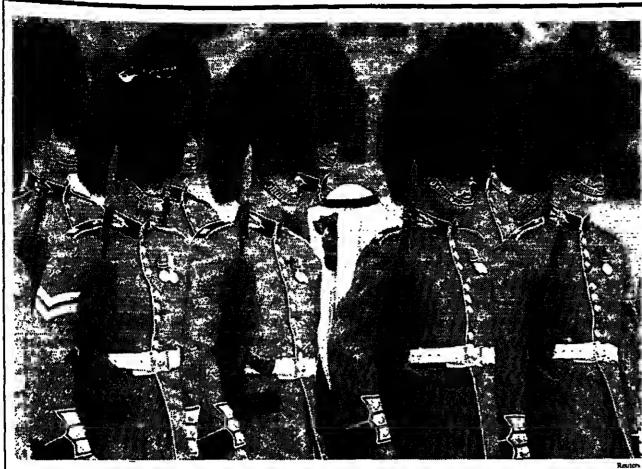
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HEADS UP — The emir of Kuwait striding through the welcoming ranks of Scots Guards in London on Tuesday.

George Will, Columnist, Omits Wife's Brief

By Howard Kurtz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Last week in his syndicated column, George F. Will assailed the Clinton administration's proposed tariffs on Japanese luxury cars, calling them "trade-annihilating tariffs to coerce another government into coercing its automobile industry."

He repeated his criticism Sunday on the ABC News program "This Week With David Brinkley," calling the 100 percent tariffs "illegal" and "a subsidy for Mercedes dealerships."

What Mr. Will did not mention is that his wife, Mari Maseng Will, is a registered foreign agent for the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Her firm, Maseng Communications, was paid \$198,721 last year to lobby for the industry. Mr. Will dismissed any suggestion of a

conflict "I was for free trade long before I met my wife: end of discussion," he said on

whose entire life consists of raising ques-tions. To me, it's beyond boring, I don't understand the whole mentality.

But several newspaper editors said Mr. Will should have disclosed his wife's lob-

bying.
"I'm very distressed," said Dennis A.
Britton, editor of The Chicago Sun-Times.
"That's one of those material facts an editor should know before placing a story in the paper. That's like a financial writer having a stake in a company he's writing

Mr. Will did disclose on the Brinkley show last month that his wife was advising Senator Boh Dole in the Republican's presidential campaign and would become the campaign's communications director.

Mr. Will, who mentioned that fact before questioning Mr. Dole, said he did so only "because ABC asked me to." Mr. Will is among the nation's most

prominent conservative writers. He appears on the Brinkley show, opines in Newsweek and writes a newspaper column

Monday. There are people in Washington that is syndicated to 475 papers hy The Washington Post Writers Group.

Mrs. Will served as White House communications director and assistant secretary of transportation during the Reagan administration. The two were married in

According to Mrs. Will's Justice Department filings, her firm is paid \$200 an hour to deal with reporters, follow legislation, place advertising, issue press releases and draft op-ed pieces.

The firm has sought to arrange for the industry's top lobbyist in Washington to meet The Chicago Trihune's editorial board, tried to place an opinion piece in The Washington Times and drafted letters to The New York Times and the Detroit

Maseng Communications began repre-senting the Japanese in 1992 and was paid \$47,422 the following year. Mrs. Will did not respond to a request for comment. Stephen Isaacs, associate dean of the iournalism school at Columbia University, said a spouse's employment "does matter."

Serb Leader Rejects Recognizing Bosnia

WASHINGTON - President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia has turned down a U.S. proposal that would have suspended economie sanctions against his country in exchange for his recognition of Bosnia and Croatia, Clinton administration officials said Tuesday.

"The talks floundered on a central point: Serbia is insisting on a lifting of the sanctions," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman.

But the sanctions cannot be lifted until Bosnian Serbs accept a proposal for negotiating a settlement of the war in the former Yugoslav republic, Mr. Burns de-

As a result, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher summoned home Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Robert Frasure after a weeklong effort in Belgrade designed to undercut Bosnia's Serbs and to force them to negotiate a settlement with the Muslim-led government established in

"We hit a wall," a U.S. official said as Mr. Frasure flew to Washington with still another rejection from Mr. Milosevic, whose assistance to Bosnia's Serbs has fueled their war against. Muslims and Croats.

Mr. Milosevic declined to accept a suspension of sanctions in return for recognition of Bosnia and Croatia.

Accepting the two former Yugoslav republics as independent states would have been a blow to Bosnia's Serbs and their aspiration for a Greater Serbia.

The official said that the Clinton administration was now at a loss for what to try

Britain, Russia, France and Germany had joined with the United States in making the proposal.

According to a report from Moscow by the Itar-Tass press agency. Alexander Zotov, a special envoy of President Boris N. Yeltsin's, will go to Belgrade on Wednesday to hold talks with the Serbian leader-

German businesses competi- guarantees relative stability in

ly lowered its forecasts of German GDP, saying the economy is expected to grow just 2.6 percent next year, compared with its earlier prediction of a 3.4 percent growth rate.

 In April, Western German enemployment rose by 13,000 workers, for an joblessness rate of 8.2 percent, after having fallen for several months. In all of Germany, 3.6 million members of the work force were without

· Also last month, the country's biggest department stores reported that sales in the first four months were 4.6 percent below year-earlier levels.

 German companies invested 56.7 billion DM abroad in 1992 and 1993 while foreign companies invested only 10.8 billion DM in Germany, the Bundesbank reported.

 Industrial production has fallen a seasonally adjusted 6.9 percent from December, the Economics Ministry reported last week. But it warned that its figures were unreliable and should not be taken seriously.

One of the main reasons the economy is expected to lose steam is sluggish consumer spending the last link in the classical pattern of a German recovery that begins with rising exports. flows into higher investment spending by husinesses and is eventually passed on to the country's workers.

German exports continue to run strong, but the appreciation of the Deutsche mark against the dollar and other currencies has begun to cut in, and will erode the corporate profits that

FALTER: Economic Recovery Appears to be Slipping

"The mark's rise will certainly put a brake on capital spending," said Mr. Issing, noting
that 80 percent of German exports are transacted in marks.

In its latest annual report, the
Bundesbank sharply attacked

Critics say the German government, meanwhile, has been agonizingly slow to change, a situation that will probably be complicated by last week's election gains by the Greens, which upset mainstream majorities.

Economists rattled off a litany of overdue reforms that add to a sense of insecurity regarding Germany's economic future: deregulation, cutting Europe's highest tax and social security burden, restructuring pensions, privatization and making the labor market more.

its appeal to business," said Hans-Olaf Henkel, a former chairman of IBM-Germany, ble enough, added to damned mated. long bureaucratic delays and high taxes."

Germany's biggest immediate problem is bringing down unemployment, which has tor in its economic perfor-

extra million unemployed after every recession, that's clear," said Mr. Issing, singling out the about 2 percent by 1999 despite German government, unions average growth of about 7.5 are needed to pay for invest-ments in capital goods to keep for creating a labor market that and major industrial employers percent a year in Eastern Ger-

good times but leaves society holding the bill for expensive

In its latest annual report, the Bundesbank sharply attacked the country's "social partners" for a lack of pragmatism and said structural problems are the main causes of the country's high unemployment.

"Low pay or no pay belongs in the discussion," said Mr. Issing. While he is no fan of subsistence-level employment that U.S. economists have dubbed McJobs, he noted that the United States "has succeeded in preventing the number of unem-ployed from ratcheting upward," which may be the esser of two evils.

"Whether people want to The Ifo economics research hear it or not, Germany has lost institute in Munich recently The Ifo economics research predicted the number of industial jobs in Western Germany would fall another 3 percent who recently became president this year after shrinking 6 perof the Federation of German cent last year. All in all, the Industry. "A lot of good jobs number of industrial jobs in will wander abroad because Western Germany will shrink costs here are too high and an average I.3 percent a year working schedules aren't flexi- for the next five years, Ifo esti-

> This year, economists expect the economy to create a meager 110,000 new jobs.

In a forecast covering the emerged as a major limiting fac- next five years, economists at Bayerische Hypotheken- und Wechsel-Bank AG in Munich "We can't keep picking up an predicted German economic growth would slow from about 3 percent or less this year to

Neo-Nazi Leader Gets 31/2 Years In German Prison

The Associated Press BERLIN - A 47-year-old neo-Nazi leader was sentenced Tuesday to 3 and a half years in prison for illegal weapons pos-session and other charges.

The Berlin criminal court described the neo-Nazi. Arnulf Priem, as a dangerous extrem-

"If this man came to power, our free democratic order would be destroyed," the court

Mr. Priem was arrested in August when the police raided his apartment, where more than 20 neo-Nazis were meeting. Guns, ammunition, firebombs and racist propaganda were

confiscated. Mr. Priem, leader of the banned German Alternative group, was one of the more outrageous figures on Germany's rightist fringe. On occasion, he threw rocks at protesters.

Hearing on Neo-Nazi Postponed in Denmark

COPENHAGEN - A Danish court postponed a hearing Tuesday at which it was to consider an appeal by an American neo-Nazi to halt Denmark's effort to extradite him to Germany to face charges of inciting racial hatred.

The neo-Nazi, Gary Lauck, has been charged in Germany for inciting racial hatred and spreading Nazi propaganda through his organization in Lincoln. Nebraska.

SPIES: East Germans Cannot Be Prosecuted for Cold War Espionage

Continued from Page I

Ministry, for example, told Reuters that about 700 East German espionage cases are under investigation and "it looks as if all cases could be dropped." Die Welt reported that a total of 6,347 espionage investigations are under way.

Mr. Wolf, 72, issued an triumphant statement tempered with the caudon of a man who spent three decades matching

"For some of the 6,000 people being prosecuted, it ends a long period of uncertainty, defamation and punishment. But only for some of them," Mr. Wolf de-

"My own experience with federal prose-

added. "Some have already said clearly that the hunt would continue on the basis of other laws."

In the shadowy spy world that charac-terized much of the Cold War in divided Germany, Mr. Wolf may have been the most cunning agent of them all. As a general in the Stasi secret police, he ran-East Germany's spy agency from 1958 to 1987, scoring a sequence of damaging and mbarrassing coups against the West with his network of well-positioned "moles."

In 1991, Mr. Wolf voluntarily returned from exile in Moscow and turned his seven-month trial into a forum for questioning whether Bonn's prosecution of former cutors who are obsessed with hunting and persecuting agents makes me cautious," he tive "victor's justice." Before being con-

victed in December 1993, he asked the court, "What country am I supposed to have betrayed?" He had remained free pending his appeal.

The court ruling also acknowledged Mr. Wolf's contention that his espionage activities were little different from those undertaken hy his counterparts in the West, including Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, who previously served as head of Bonn's

"Every state seeks to punish only the spies of foreign powers while also conducting espionage and trying to protect its own spies," the court said. It added that Germany would still be acting as a "foreign power" if it prosecuted East German agents after unification.

ist, but that just how far it markets around Havana - or the absorption had stagnated in should go is still under debate in repair work, such as plumb- recent months - largely be-

economic equality. That, ac-

haltingly. "The response of the revolution has been extreme caution in the market process, and some of us wish it were going faster." said Gerardo González, an economic analyst at the government-subsidized Center for Study of the Americas. "We lived for 30 years with the expectations of equality and so-cial justice, which will be a great challenge to meet."

Senior Cuban officials insist that Cuba is not going capital-

measures to achieve greater ef- employment. ficiency in our economy," Carlos Lage, in charge of economic we are not, however, an economy in transition, nor are our people or our party in transition the measures that are necessary, but we will never make a single concession.

Most of the self-employed now are engaged in making

cording to diplomats and analysts, is why the economic program has gone forward gone forward within the party leadership.

"We have started an orderly process of transformations and process of transformations are process of transformations and pr

Carlos Solchaga, a former finance minister in Spain who reform, said in a speech. "But often advises the Cuban goverament, warned in a recent article in the Spanish magazine toward capitalism. We will take Cuba must carry out "structural reforms" far beyond self-employment or jeopardize its overall efforts.

Mr. Solchaga and other econpaintings, which they sell at work through self-employment, ployment.

enhance social stability, he argued, the government must allow the formation of local companies, with private labor COULTRACTS Actualidad Economica that nounce on the one hand the

The state would have to repractically total socialization of the means of production, and, on the other, its monopoly on the hiring of employees."

Mr. Alarcon said that exomists here said that after panding self-employment was handicrafts — from shoes to 160,000 Cubans quickly found the "logical solution" to unem-

RUSSIA: New Kremlin Elite Pursues Perks in Eerily Familiar Fashion

Continued from Page 1 bases in the Kremlin, but it ran in the anuestablishment weekly Moscow News after it was turned down by his own newspaper. Vladimir Gusinsky, the banker and new media tycoon who owns Segodnya and

who has a longstanding feud with Mr. Yeltsin, considered publishing the series Though there is no official censorship anymore, newspaper owners and television executives are increasingly afraid of angering powerful government and business interests. After Mr. Yeltsin's personal security guard ordered a raid on Mr. Gusinsky's

and has been living in London. He says he fears for his life. Perhaps the most vivid - and politically significant - example of the return of the old elite was the president's decision last month to create a new centrist party, led hy Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin. Officially named "Our House - Russia," it was immediately dubbed "the Party of Power" by the press and other politi-

offices in December, he left the country

It is backed by tremendously wealthy banking and business interests and consists almost entirely of state bureaucrats and provincial governors and administrators, including many former Communists

and even some Politburo members. Its first meeting on May 12 in Moscow had a flavor of délà vu, with Volga limousines snaking up the drive, turgid speeches and limited press access.

Unlike Mr. Yeltsin, Mr. Chernomyrdin was never a member of the Soviet Politburo, but he did head the gas industry under the old regime. Political analysts here say that Mr. Chernomyrdin's connections to that sector of the Russian economy nave made him a rich man and that they keep him closely allied with the essentially unchanged fieldoms in the provinces.

So Kremlinology, only recently dismissed as an obsolete art form, is enjoying

"Now there is a return to old-style Soviet politics, with Yeltsin in the middle and four or five powerful groups around him." said Michael A. McFaul, a Moscow-based senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for the Humanities. "We get hints of how it works, but we are not privy to the inner-workings the way we were two or

three years ago." Mr. Chernomyrdin's party was crafted to act as a centrist alternative to Communists a. J ultra-nationalists in December's parliamentary elections. Another party, selling them.)

left-of-center, also created with the Kremlin's blessing, is to be led by the speaker of the lower house of Parliament, Ivan Ryb-

But some find these new parties' symbiotic relationship with the government a hit troubling - a little too reminiscent of the days when the Communist Party ran the

"The introduction into the political arena of a two-party nomenklatura system would mark the decisive victory of the state over society," Vitaly Tretyakov, the editor of Nezavisimaya Gazeta, a liberal daily, wrote in an editorial.

The old Communist political apparatus is not all that is left of the Soviet system. The infamous Russian bureaucracy is, if anything, more bloated than ever. In 1982, when the population of the Soviet Union was twice that of Russia today, 84 ministries and state committees served the entire

empire. Now 73 serve just Russia. The newspaper Izvestia said Parliament was about to consider a bill to give the civil servants who toil in these ministries free transportation and pension raises, among

And the gigantic network of special clinics and hospitals known as the "Fourth Department," which once catered to the Communist Party elite, still exists, though it has been renamed the Medical Center of the Presidential Administration. After the fall of communism, many of its facilities, including the presugious Kremlin hospital,

opened their doors to paying clients. The government now wants to improve the facilities and return them to their original function — providing better care than is available to other Russians, free to cabinet officials, high-ranking bureaucrats, and members of Parliament and their families. The center plans to limit the percent-

age of paying customers to 25 percent. "It would not be correct to put someone, let's say, of a not-very-stable social class, or a shady husinessman, in the bed next to a government official," said Sergei Mironov, who was recently made deputy chief of management for the medical centers. "We cannot admit just anybody who is

willing to pay money." The hudget of this special health hu-

reaucracy, then as now, is secret. A new food store opened this spring in a high-rise residential huilding in Mitino, in northeast Moscow, where many members of Parliament have received furnished, free apartments. (Some of these deputies have quietly privatized the apartments they were allosted by the state by renting or

Only people with special passes or parliamentary identification cards are allowed to shop in the food store there. The Parliament has plans to open a deputies-only shopping center next to the market.

It was never much of a mystery why the Communist Party elite sent their drivers to Granovskovo Street to pick up their special grocery parcels every week. Delicacies were scarce in those days. It is less clear why the new elite, many of whom have made plenty of money from

suspected bribes or from brokering busi-

ness deals, cannot buy their groceries at

one of the many supermarkets in Moscow. But old hahits of hierarchy and veiled behavior die bard. "The old warriors have reappeared with their old customs and traditions," said Alla Gerber, a liberal deputy in Parliament. "They have their own views of bow

power should work." The reformed and renamed KGB has reverted to at least one custom of old: this month, the hierarchical pecking order in its cafeteria service was restored. Tables, service, food and even flatware vary accord-

ing to rank. There is little press scrutiny or public outrage about the perks of power. Many Russians, fatalistic and cynical, expect nothing else. If anything, resentment has been muted by the fact that goods and services that were available in the old days only to the nomenklatura are now accessible to ordinary citizens, provided they can

afford them. But Izvestia recently published a detailed story asserting that Mr. Rybkin, the speaker of the lower house, bought patio furniture for his dacha while on an official trip to Washington and transported it back to Moscow on the plane provided to him by the government.

The newspaper reported that Mr. Rybkin his plane weighed down with personal plunder, refused to transport a shipment of American humanitarian aid for needy Russian children that the Russian Embassy had asked him to bring home. Mr. Ryhkin denied he had bought patio

furniture for his dacha, saying that his

cargo was entirely made up of office sup-

plies for the Parliament. But he conceded that he had refused to carry the aid. Few of his colleagues were shocked. "It's typical Soviet-style behavior," Boris Pyodorov, a former finance minister who now leads a pro-husiness faction in Parliament, said with a shrug. "The only surprising thing is that he got caught."

CHINA: Demands U.S. Withdraw Permission for Taiwan President's Visit

CUBA: Nation Backing Off the Cherished Guarantee of Full Employment

Continued from Page 1 Chinese Foreign Ministry statement said, adding, "In that case, the U.S. administra-

tion should bear all the consequences." In a day of bitter recriminations prominently displayed in Chinese newspapers, radio and television news programs, Communist Party leaders accused the Clinton

"It is precisely under the disguise of 'unofficial' or 'private' visits that Lee Teng-hui has traveled here and there in recent years in pursuit of so-called 'vacation diplomacy' and 'stop-over diplomacy' in an attempt to create 'two Chinas' or 'one China, one Taiwan' on the international scene," the Chinese statement said.

administration of duplicity and perfidy.

Referring to Congress, which voted overwhelmingly to support President Lee's request to attend the reunion, the Chinese statement said, "Let there be no doubt about this: if the U.S. Administration succumbs to pressure of some pro-Taiwan elements in total disregard of the feelings of the 1.2 billion Chinese people and infringes upon the fundamental rights and interests of China, Sino-U.S. relations can Senators Elated by Move

only retrogress." In Taipei, President Lee's office said of the Clinton administration decision, "This is very good news both for the improvement of traditional relations between the Republic of China and the United States, and for the expansion of peoples' friend-

Mr. Lee's visit to the United States will be the first by a Taiwan president. President Clinton has made four visits to Taiwan, but has never visited mainland China, and has not invited China's president, Jiang Zemin, to Washington.

Japan, which has followed Washington closely in normalizing relations with China over the last two decades, said Tuesday that it would not change its policy of maintaining only nongovernmental ties with Taiwan. Japan will be the host of a summit meet-

Senators are applauding President Clinton's decision to extend Mr. Lee a visa. The Associated Press reported from Washington.

"This is something we've all worked long and hard to bring about," Senator Frank Murkowski, Republican of Alaska, said Monday after the State Department cleared the way for Mr. Lee to give a speech at his alma mater in June. Earlier this month, the Senate approved.

97-1, a resolution urging that the visa be granted. The House voted 396-0 for a simi-Senators at a news conference empha-

sized that the United States still bas a "one China" policy. But Paul Simon, Democrat of Illinon. said allowing Mr. Lee into the United

States was "a step in a better direction with the People's Republic of China." "I want to maintain good relations, but our policy shouldn't be dictated by anoth.

er country," he said.

FRANCE: Prime Minister Vows Immediate Increase in Minimum Wage

ing of Asian Pacific leaders later this year

and already Taiwan officials have been

maneuvering to send a vice prime minister

who also holds a nongovernmental post to

Continued from Page 1

to encourage job creation. Mr. Jnppe's speech emphasized the prospect of faster growth through stimulus for business, including tax breaks and inducements for creating new posts for the jobless and a

cutback in government red tape. Pledging to maintain the value of the French franc, Mr. Juppe indicated that strong growth could enable France to absorb social tensions and reduce government debt, enabling the country to stay on course for European integration and remain competitive.

economics, Mr. Juppe pledged stepped-up assistance to families with children — in effect, a family program aimed at easing the social problems that have come to be known in France as "exclusion." Mr. Juppé also called for an end to government interference in wage negotia-

tions with private employers. In practice,

France's large public sector often sets the

pace on pay for the whole economy.

Along with these echos of Reagan-style

Mr. Juppé pledged a major attempt to modernize schools to make French education more job-oriented - an idea that brought disaster to previous governments. Opposition Socialists attacked Mr. Juppé as giving too much to employers, but the French industrialists' association

praised the package. His maiden speech as prime minister was a credibility test for the new government and an event that brought Mr. Juppe center stage as an heir apparent of French CONSCIVALISM.

The Chirac campaign benefited strongly from Mr. Juppe's reputation as a talented foreign minister - who handled tense trade issues and the intractable problems of Bosnia - and a reliable figure whose presence helped allay fears that Mr. Chirac might relax France's economic rigor and

commitment to European integration. Mr. Juppe has a reputation for not ducking challenges. "The Juppe era" is a phrase in vogue in Paris to describe the emergence of a new generation of French politicians.

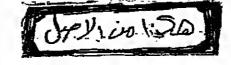
Of their elders, only Mr. Chirac remain. largely thanks to belp from Mr. Juppe. Now he has to keep an eye out for Philippe Seguin, the parliamentary speaker and h, main rival for party leadership, who argues that France should break more radically with the economic approach advocated h Germany.

On the other hand, Economics Miggier On the other name, extraordinal free mar. keteer than his mentor, former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Mr. Juppé, 49, has a reputation for inici. Mr. Juppe, 47, nas a repeat him pract is lect and loyalty that earned him pract is "the best of his generation" from his men. tor, Mr. Chirac.

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Kodak's Trade Complaint

will proliferate. The dispute over automobiles bas become a major political issue in both countries. Now Eastman Kodak Co. has petitioned the U.S. government to intervene against the treatment that it is getting in Japanese markets. The automo-bile companies' case is not overwhelmingly strong. But Kodak's complaint is a classic example, in its starkest form, of the

American objection to Japanese practices. Kodak charges that it is the victim of anti-competitive tactics encouraged by the Japanese government. The effect, according to Kodak, is to create an enormously profitable home market for its rival, Fuji Photo Film, enabling Fuji to sell at low prices abroad and expand its market share there. Japanese import restrictions on photographic film and paper were weakened in the early 1970s as a result of trade negotiations, and Kodak's sales there rose smartly. In response, again according to Kodak, its competitor — with the govern-ment's support — established control over the distribution system and cut off Kodak's access to many retailers. Kodak wants the U.S. government to make Japan

enforce its own antitrust laws. This claim creates difficult choices for

With the U.S. trade deficit rising, it is inevitable that trade quarrels with Japan like to push Japan to a settlement of the like to push Japan to a settlement of the auto case, which is more important because of the size of the industry involved and the number of jobs, and celebrate a victory. But now it has to deal with another series of accusations that go profoundly into the ways that the Japanese bave organized not only their economy but their society.

The Japanese object bitterly to what they see as constant bullying and harassment by the Americans on trade issues. But the Clinton administration and a lot of American companies have concluded that constant pressure, litigation and political intervention are the only tactics that have any effect at all on Japan.

These trade disputes are particularly difficult to resolve because they arise from deeply rooted national babits on both sides and, among other things, the differences in ideas about fairness and competition in the two societies. It remains to be seen whether the political and military alliance between the two countries can survive the constant pounding from this series of trade collisions over principles that both countries increasingly regard as vital.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Time to Recognize Vietnam

Three Decades of Service

We are trying to recall a moment in the bitterness over such things. He came back

past several decades when someone or to serve as head of the Clinton advisory

mad at Les Aspin. And we come up emp- allegedly fired - imprecision, inability to

ty. That is because the former defense manage the huge defense establishment

other - or this political group or that group reviewing national intelligence.

North Vietnamese Communists won the Vietnam War, but Washington bas yet to extend full diplomatic relations to Hanoi. With specialists satisfied that Vietnam is cooperating fully in the search for remains of missing Ameri-cans, President Bill Clinton should take the advice of top aides and recognize Vietnam before 1996 election pressures

encourage further delay.

The main obstacle has been manipulation of the prisoner-of-war issue by Republican politicians, beginning with Richard Nixon at the time of the Paris peace accords. Last week two presidential aspirants, Phil Gramm and Bob Dole, joined Senator Robert Smith to propose legislation instructing the president not to normalize relations until Vietnam fully discloses all information about the 1,619 Americans still listed

as missing in action. That is a condition that is never likely to be met. The vast majority of names on the missing list represent probable combat fatalities in which no body was ever recovered. Vietnam today is doing all that can

party wing or the other lobby - wasn't

secretary and chairman of the House

Armed Services Committee, who died of

a stroke at the age of 56 on Sunday, was

above all a man engaged in the most

important, high-stakes issues of his time.

From his days as a college academic

star and then a Defense Department whiz

kid, as an internal government Vietnam

War critic, a teacher and, for 22 years,

Les Aspin never lost either his capacity to

master the most complicated issues of

public policy or his frankly kid-like, ebul-

lient enthusiasm for trying to resolve

them. He was also a polincian, and gener-

had, especially on Capitol Hill, were the all

but inevitable lot of anyone trying to navi-

gate the shoals of military defense policy

in a (then) majority Democratic Party that

was bitterly and irreconcilably divided be-

tween hawks and doves. His own inclina-

tions evolved from the more dovish to the

As Bill Clinton's first defense secre-

tary, Mr. Aspin bad the equally challeng-

ing job of trying to reconcile Pentagon thinking with Democratic Party thinking

in the matter of Mr. Clinton's proposals

for altering the status of bomosexuals in

the military. His most notable accom-

plishment as secretary was the review of

Pentagon budgeting and procurement

procedures that he worked up in his 11

months there. His most notable public

stand was that taken — rightly, in our view — in support of President George

Bush's policy on Kuwait at a time when

so many other Democratic Party leaders

Mr. Aspin was bumiliated by being

pushed out of the Defense Department

by Mr. Clinton and the other rivalrous

members of Mr. Clinton's national secu-

rity team. But the thing about the former

defense secretary was that he couldn't

stay humiliated or give vent to personal

in Congress were in doubt or in flight.

Some of the problems that Mr. Aspin

ally a pretty successful one.

more bawkish over the years.

a member of Congress from Wisconsin,

Twenty years have passed since the be expected of it in the search for American remains. Senator John McCain, himself a Vietnam prisoner of war for five years, concurs with this view and urges the Clinton administration to normalize ties

(see opposite page).
Vietnam, with more than 70 million people, bas been pursuing market reform policies since the late 1980s and is now one of Asia's bottest markets for investment and trade. Delaying diplomatic relations keeps American businesses at a disadvantage compared with their European and Asian rivals, Vietnam also serves as a potential strategic counterweight against an increasingly unpredictable China.

Normalization would bave been politically easier for George Bush, a decorated World War II veteran who served on the Nixon administration's national security team. Instead, Mr. Busb laid out a "road map" of steps for Vietnam to follow to win recognition, According to Mr. McCain, among others. Vietnam has now substantially met all of Mr. Bush's tests. It deserves recognition in return.

The faults for which Mr. Aspin was

and slowness in coming to clear-cut a

decisions - were presumably real. Such

defects would certainly go with the general

makeup of the man: intellectually restless,

always turning the thing over and over in

his mind, more given to trying to imagine

and grasp all the aspects of a problem than

But you need only read the recently

published confessional book by Mr. As-

pin's predecessor and onetime employ-

er. Robert McNamara, to understand,

as well, that an opposite, superefficient

turn of mind is not exactly the key to

defense policy salvation. Maybe Les As-

pin was the wrong man for his months in

the Clinton cubinet. The same cannot in

any respect be said of his roughly three

Other Comment

The Clinton policy on Cuba represents

a sharp, shocking departure from the U.S.

tradition of offering political asylum to refugees from Fidel Castro's extremely re-

When the U.S. intercepts and returns Cu-

ban refugees, the U.S. Coast Guard makes

itself an arm of Fidel's tyranny. The ad-

ministration made no demands and se-

cured no concessions for providing Fidel

Castro the services of the U.S. Coast

Guard to enforce Cuba's laws, It made no

arrangements for monitoring the fate of

those refugees forcibly returned. The U.S.

policy of helping police this police state

will surely give encouragement to the most repressive elements in Cuba's government. Alas. The president should not make

agreements which violate fundamental

writing in a syndicated column.

- Jeane Kirkpatrick.

American principles.

essive, utterly unreformed dictatorship.

An Arm of Cuban Tyranny

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

decades of productive public service.

to measuring or indexing them.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.



Bring Back the Days of Frugality

LONDON — The U.S. national debt is \$4.7 trillion and increasing by \$38,158 every four seconds, as a clock posted in the House Budget Committee bearing room reminds us.

On Thursday, the House approved a proposal to balance the budget by the year 2002. The Senate is scheduled to vote on its own plan this week. But whatever compromise plan emerges, even if made law, will not necessarily balance the budget. It will only set spending goals. Congress can ignore those goals just as it did those set by the deficit-reduction bills passed in the mid-1980s.

Meanwhile, the debt mounts, and no one, it seems, has a longterm proposal to get rid of it altogether. The burden the country will almost certainly lay on the shoulders of its children in the 21st century is disgraceful.

Americans are historically hard-working and provident, and rightly proud that they live in the world's most powerful democracy and its oldest republic. So how did they get into this mess?

By Paul Johnson

It is comparatively recent. The United States has a long record of sound public finance, ever since Alexander Hamilton took over the Treasury in 1789 and introduced fiscal realism, balancing the budget for the first time.

In 1835, President Andrew Jackson actually contrived to eliminate the debt altogether. Thereafter the debt fluctuated, as is reasonable, according to the emergencies through which the nation passed. The Civil War, World War I.

the Great Depression and World War II all led to large-scale in-creases in the public debt. But the calms that followed these storms all saw it systematically reduced.

During the last period of debt reduction, 1946 to 1975, it was cut by half. Then an odd and smister thing happened. With no emergency or world war or even a deep recession, the debt began to rise. At the beginning of Ronald Reagan's presidency, it had

reached 5914 billion. On his retirement, it was \$3 trillion...

Today the debt is closing in on \$5 trillion, so it is not surprising that the dollar is at a historic low against the yen and the Deutsche mark. Indeed, it could be argued that the dollar's reputation is more fragile now than at any time

since the 1780s. The reasons are not far to seek: huge increases in government employees (well over 20 percent of the work (orce) and in unfunded long-term liabilities (over \$15 tril-tion), and, not least, a colossal commitment to transfer payments (\$300 billion for poverty

relief alone this year).

The United States is running the most costly welfare state in history, as well as acting - reinc-tantly and not consistently but certainly expensively — as the world's policeman.

Even to eliminate the deficit, let alone reduce the debt, federal spending will have to be fundamentally reformed. This will mean, among other things, ending the welfare state as it exists today.

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But if at the same time taxes are to be reduced - at between 35 percent and 40 percent of personal income they are a serious hrake on economic dynamism -then the cuts must be not only deep but abiquitous.

The government must go from being a prodigal to a frugal — better yet, a stingy — spender. That is by no means impossi-

ble. For the reform to become reality, however, there are three political prerequisites. The first is sufficient congressio-nal support. That has been

achieved. For the first time in 40 years - longer than the U.S.; welfare state has existed in fully developed form - the Scrooges have taken over from the Micawbers.

There appears to be a majority in both the House and Senate for some sort of balanced-budget strategy, and the momentum for reform appears to be growing.

The second prerequisite is a popular consensus. Every sign indicates that there is one. The nation appears to be in the mood to do the right thing; even if it means sacrifices. When asked to choose between a tax cut and balancing the budget, a majority in a secent poll chose the budget. Congress is ready for reform.

So are the people. But history shows that neither means much without a dedicated leader.

Normally one would expect such leadership to come from the

president, In the past, the White House has shown a much greater concern for financial probity

tion package during his first year in office, it did so with hardly a vote to spare in both houses. But Mr. Clinton is not a leader, snaded that it is in his interest to be an energetic follower. No. Teadership will have to come

from the speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich. Here is Mr. Gingrich's opportunity to transform himself from a successful gadfly into a political heavyweight. It may be necessary for him to bite the bullet and give up or put off his cherished plan for tax cuts, as the Senate has done.

In any event, he should take up the challenge and lead the movement to transform America into a model of frugality.

The world needs such an example. All over the Third World, progress is held back by the unwillingness of governments to balance their books, even under pressure from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The ascent of the former Communist world to freedom and prosperity is imperiled by precisely the same vice.

Even in Europe, which ought to know better, a dozen governments are piling up deficits and debts for fear of voters who in fact are desperate for thrifty leaders.

The United States would add urably to the moral debt the world already owes it if Washington could take the lead in bringing us all back to good old-fashioned providence.

Mr. Johnson, author most recently of "Modern Times: The World From the Twenties to the Nineties," is at work on a new book, "A History of the United States People," He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Japan as Jackal

semblance of imperial Russian

presence and control in a region

washed by turbulence - where

Islam of both the revolutionary

Iranian type and the milder Turk-

The writer, an ABC News corre-spondent and author based in Cy-

prus, specializes in the Middle East.

He contributed this comment to the

International Herald Tribune.

ish variety is on the march.

PARIS - [The Herald says in an editorial:] The story of the lion and the jackals is being performed in the Far East. Japan has fought hardly for its prey; and now come the great lions to take away from the little fellow his rightful due, accompanying the process with displays of fangs intermixed with fawning and flattery. No wonder they have terrified the little animal. He will give up the choicest bone - even Port, Arthur. If we are to take precedents from ferge naturae it is fairy safe to predict that territorial compensations" may bother the

peace of the world for some time-

NEW YORK - While engaged

against the Shannock IV, the Resolute's mast suddenly broke, nocessitating her being towed to dock to have another one stepped. The accident occurred at the end of the first round, when the Resohite, first over the starting-line by a few seconds, had increased her lead to about a minute.

-1945: Tokio in Flames GUAN - Tokio's industrial sub-

arb of Shinagawa was set aflame carly today [May 24] by more than 550 B29s, the largest bomber force ever dispatched from the growing Marianas bases. The SuperForts dropped a record cargo of 45,000 tons of incendiaries as they streamed over the target area. The attack on the suburb was the twenty-third launched at the Japanese capital and environs since B29s began their spectacular long-range aults from Saipan on Nov. 24. defending the America's Cup 1944; six months ago today. and the second second

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Both Sides See Room to Trim 'Corporate Welfare'

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON - Now that President Bill Clinton and his aides finally have signaled their willingness to negotiate with congressional Republicans on the federal budget, the stage is set for needed action to reduce the defi-cit and establish priorities for federal spending. An important part of that process will be to slice the wasteful business subsidies that make up what has been called corporate welfare."

Neither the original Clinton budget nor the House and Senate Republican budget now being enacted would curb this spending adequately. Interest groups that receive the subsidies have been mobilized to keep them flowing. But an attack on corporate welfare ought to be the starting point when the Clinton administration and Congress get down to serious discussions later this summer.

Mr. Clinton has been having fun with the Republicans, watching them struggle with their pledge to balance the budget by 2002. He has attacked their controversial prescriptions for savings in Medicare, education and low-income assistance, while refusing to suggest any measures of his own to eliminate future deficits.

But be said last weekend that once Congress approves the Re-publican budget resolution be will offer a "counterbudget" that will eliminate the deficit "in less than 10 years" and then "negoriate with them in good faith." Trimming billions of dollars of

corporate subsidies is the one major step on which experts in liberal and conservative think tanks agree. All it takes is political leadership, and a degree of biparti-sanship, for it to happen. In the administration, Labor Secretary Robert Reich bas been

the strongest voice for curbing corporate welfare. But little of his thinking was reflected in the budget Mr. Clinton submitted earlier this year. Among congressional Republicans, John Kasich of Ohio, the House Bndget Committee chairman, has been the most outspoken in promising that Republican donors and Fortune 500 fat cats would not be spared in the economy moves. But he was blocked by conservative elders from doing some of the major things he hoped to do.

The convergence of views on this issue among courageous peo-

ple on the political left and right is most conspicuous in the thinktank world. Ralph Nader's Public Citizen organization, the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the libertarian conservative Cato Institute all agree on the need to cut corporate welfare. Cato has listed 129 programs to-taling \$87 billion a year that fatten the treasuries of private industry. They range from export promo-tion funds for giant food processors to transportation and interestrate subsidies for manufacturers and utilities and the underwriting of recreation programs for workers in defense industries.

The think tanks have been joined in this battle by the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, which served as a launching pad for Mr. Clinton's presidential candidacy. Its chief economist, Rob Shapiro, promotes a strategy he calls "cut and invest"; trim the special-interest subsidies, he says, and invest the savings in deficit reduction and in programs to produce a better-educated, more skilled work force.

All that is needed to make "cut and invest" a political reality is

leadership from the White House and Capitol Hill. The budget cutters could start in almost any department of government. The Cato report says that "every major cabinet department, including the Defense Department, has become a conduit for government funding of private industry. Within some cabinet agencies, such as the De-partment of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce, almost every spending program under-writes private businesses." The direct subsidies are small

potatoes compared to the specialinterest tax loopholes remaining in the Internal Revenue Service code. Mr. Kasich had targeted \$25 bilhon of them for closing - until nther Republican leaders told him he was threatening to step on toes they had promised to protect.

There are deals here that are just begging to be shut down. The rewards go beyond the billions that could be put to better use. A bipartisan attack on corporate welfare could be a major step toward curing the cynical view that the big boys always win and the most vulnerable Americans always lose when Washington swings its economy ax.

The Washington Post.

The Christian Coalition? Read Between the Lines...

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON - Pat Robertson probably smiles in his sleep. I am less certain about Ralph Reed, the executive director of the Christian Coalition, which Mr. Robertson founded. Actually, they should both be laughing. In seven years, they have managed to convert a once-menacing religious-based movement into an insutution that, if not as American as cherry pie, is at least as harmless.

Such is the impression you would get from reading the Christian Coalition's "Contract with the American Family." Superficially, it is an innocuous document, just 30 pages long and so reasonable that only an atheist could take offense. It does not call for the abolition of abortion. It is silent about gays, either in the military or as married couples, and when it comes to pornography it wants it only away from children off the Internet and cable television. It does call for a constitutional amendment to restore school prayer, but only on a voluntary basis. Who could argue?

Well, of all people, Patrick Buchanan does: be finds the agenda timid. Among other things, he wants a constitutional amendment to ban abortion — and, one presumes, much, much more. But the Christian Coalition is a casey outfit. It takes instruction from pollsters, as well as the Almighty, and it will not propose what its polls say the American people do not want. This is an odd position

for religious leaders to take. They are supposedly in the business of right and wrong —and abortion, not to mention homosexuality, are supposed sins. A lesser sin, I take it, is obfuscation, saying one thing while hoping to do another. In this case, the Christian Coalition's leaders have cross-dressed as moderates, pretending to be what they are not. Mr. Buchanan, who knows precisely what is in the movement's heart, is not merely criticiz-

ing, he is beckoning: Follow me.
For the moment, it won't work. The Christian Coalition is dead-set against religious conservatives endorsing any one Republican presidential candidate - not even Mr. Buchanan, whom it most adores. Mr. Reed sees an endorsement as politically ruinous, putting all the movement's eggs in one basket. He may be right. An endorsement of, say, Mr. Buchanan, might bberate Bob Dole from his pose as a cultural conservative.

The Christian Coalition is an oddly named outfit. As a coalition, it is narrowly based. Its proposed contract, for instance, was denounced by spokesmen representing Bap-tists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers, Episcopalians, the United Church of Christ and others. They are appalled at the coalition's attempt to use the power of govern-ment in the cause of religion and they are

properly suspicious of empty words and public-relations terms that mask the truth -"voluntary prayer," for instance, when the prayer could be led by a teacher. To a little kid there is nothing voluntary about that.

The most ominous part of the contract is

contained in its introduction: "This contract is designed to be the first word, not the last word, in developing a bold and incremental start to strengthening the fam ily and restoring values." That is a hint of what the coalition intends: Give it an inchand it'll take a mile. The whole document is a shuck, a loss leader designed to draw you in. Anyone who has ever read Mr. Robertson knows that he is no respecter of the constitution's separation of church and state. He sees the two as one, and his followers know it. That explains Mr. Buchanan's criticism. He is not quibbling with where Mr. Robertson wants to go,

only his timetable for getting there.
The contract is like Mr. Robertson's smile It masks a fervent, if not weird, view of the world. It pulls its punches, couches everything in the empty language of advertising and politics, never defines its terms (whose family is it talking about, anyway?) and never honestly says where it wants America to go. The Christian Coalition calls its document a contract, but people who care about religious liberty should see it as a threat

Washington Post Writers Group.

Beyond Grozny, a Battle to Control Oil Export Routes

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Dramatic television pictures of blazing oil refinery and storage tanks near Grozny, Chechnya's ruined capital, illustrate a prophecy by a Russian oil professional made before President Bill Clinton's visit to Moscow. "What President Boris Yelisin will tell President Clinton," be predicted, "is that the 'police action against bandits' in Chechnya," is really part of a buge struggle over energy in the Caucasus, Caspian Sea and Central Asian regions.

When the savage fighting in Chechnya began in December. few people realized this.

Now, Grozny is recognized as one of the most critical points in Russia's battle with Iran and Turkey to control the all-important export routes toward the West for the energy reserves in and near former Soviet republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.

The Russian-Chechen war is disrupting both present oil operations and future plans for energy exports through pipelines. Their paths run through the Northern Caucasus to the Russian port of Novorossisk on the Black Sea.

Turkey, the other main Black Sea power, is reaching out for trade, power and influence in the former Soviet republics inhabited by ethnic Turkic peoples in South and Central Asia. Many of these nations control vast energy wealth. Tankers loading oil at Russian Black Sea ports have to pass

By John K. Cooley

through the Turkish-controlled Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits to reach the Mediterranean and Western oil markets. The Turkish government, fear-ing tanker accidents, oil spillage and blockage of the straits, is not making this easy. New regula-

tions limit tonnages and impose strict security rules. Partly to boost its construction business and augment its transit revenues, Turkey is lobbying for a different oil route. Ankara wants to build two long pipelines from Azerbaijan and Central Asia, through Iran and Turkey, ending

ish Mediterranean coast. But Clinton administration strategists do not want Iran, the target of a draconian U.S. economic embargo, to benefit from pipeline use and revenues. And Russia worries about losing transit fees and having its Black Sea tanker fleet idled.

at tanker terminals on the Turk-

fran, for its part, favors a pipeline route that would bypass Chechnya and the rest of the turbulent Caucasus. This idea, advanced by Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan, is for a relatively short oil link from the eastern Caspian region south through Iran to Iranian oil terminals on the Gulf.

Some oil professionals, to avoid Iranian territory, would build an oil conduit through Russian territory around the Caspian Sea, ending at the Russian Black Sea coast

- though this would mean using the Turkish straits.

The Russian government of Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, himself an oil expert, has oined with two other countries that are adversaries of Turkey and no special friends of Iran: Greece and Bulgaria. The technocrats of Moscow, Athens and Sofia are completing work on a new export route: Central Asian oil would be shipped to Russia's Black Sea ports of Tuapse and Novorossisk. then across the Black Sea to the Bulgarian port of Burgas. From Burgas, a pipeline barely 200 miles long (320 kilometers) would pump the oil to the Greek port of Alexandroupolis on the Aegean Sea. This would take Turkey and Iran

out of the oil game. Whereas the main pipeline projected to cross Turkey would be about 1,200 miles long and cost \$6 billion to \$7 billion to build. Greek sources say the Greek-Bulgarian solution would cost only \$800 million.

The Bulgarian-Greek route holds considerable appeal for President Yeltsin's Moscow technocrats, and the Western oilmen doing business with them. It would cut expenses and remove exposure to the ongoing Cauca-

sus and South Asian wars. It also would help Orthodox Russia, working with two likeminded, congenial neighbors, Bulgaria and Greece, to keep at least a

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OPINION/LETTERS

Still Time to Save Them From the Prison Planes

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — On May their minds — thus no looger refugees, you see. senger ship St. Louis left Hamburg, sailing for Havana. On board were 930 Jewish refugees, all carrying landing cer-tificates for Cuba.

When the ship arrived, the pro-Fascist Cuban government would not let them land. For nine days, the St. Louis circled off Havana and Florida. On June 5, Cuba said the shown how callous it can be refingees could go ashore, if they posted a total of \$453,000, within a deliberately impossi-

The United States refused to allow the paasengers onto American soil. On June 6 the ship headed back to Europe. Since then, the United States

The U.S. State Department has shown how callous it can be when it tries.

bas given refuge to millions from many parts of the world. They gave America their muscle and brain, and love. Now the United States is

seized with a fear of compassion, a surrender to the political campaign against immigrants. Fifty-six springs after the St. Louis, the country is not only turning away many refugees it would have welcomed oot long. ago, but is an essential co-conspiring partner in forcing them back to countries they fled — most recently Cuba, Vietnam and Laos. For these people including thousands who once fought on America's side - the United States has become the

ship back to hell. To make the deal with Fidel Castro to send back all Cubans picked up at sea, the Clinton administration had to work in otter stealth, for fear the operation would be discovered. Neither U.S. diplomats responsible for Cuban relations: Congress nor the press found out until the clandestine deed was done, by four or five American officials,

good men otherwise. But about the Vietnamese and Lactions, we Americans will never be able to say we did not know; 47,000 of them have been.

carried these in shackles if need ing gulf between rich and poor be by the United Nations, with and the sudden explosion of America's money and collaboprostitution? As for the refugees, ration, the propaganda of American anti-immigrant groups, and the distaste of their hosts for extended visits by othcr Asians, those with much

courage but no money. Soon Congress will vote on a measure by Christopher Smith. Republican of New Jersey, and others that would admit about 20,000 refugees at "high risk," saving them from the prison

planes awaiting them.
After the Vietnam War, many Vietnamese and Laotians were admitted to the United States. Left behind in the camps were about 5,500 Laotians who once fought for the United States and Vietnamese also once considered refugees. Some had agreed to return, but in fear changed

refugees, you see.
Mr. Smith, head of the House

against religious persecution. He calls for a one-time operation, within existing quotas. U.S. funds would be withdrawn from forced-return operations, probably killing them.

when it tries. When a Laotian in Colorado asked about countrymen in a Thai camp, back came a letter from Edward Wilkinson, counselor in the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok. He said they were confined in a special "de-tention" center. They had violated "decisions" taken at an international "technical" meeting that bars people in the camps from "actively working" against "voluntary repatriation," under pain of "appropriate" reprisals. So: Dissidents against their governments are also punished for dissenting with the international bureau-

cracy about their fate. Some Americans friendly to refugees still languishing at America's gates are cool to attention to the Vietnamese and Laotians. That is not helpful to any refugees, but to those who

want them in chains. Maybe the Asian refugees will find help someplace. Look at the passengers on the St Louis. United States, they found refuge m Britain, France, Belgium and the Netherlands after the St. Louis returned. Yes, they were murdered soon enough. But of course the Germans did that, not Cubans or Americans.

The journey of the St. Louis was sometimes called the voyage of the damned. But that does not tell us, does it, exactly who were the damned, and at what moment damnation took place. The New York Times.



Why Vietnam Should Be Recognized

By John McCain

WASHINGTON — In 1991, the Bush administration proposed a "road map" for improving U.S. relacions with Vietnam. Under its provisions, Vietnam was required to help secure a political settle- men. Vietnam's cooperation ment of the Cambodian cooflict; take unilateral, bilateral and multilateral steps to help the United States account for its missing servicemen; and re- year. The judgment is shared hy

lease from so-called re-education camps all remaining South Vietnamese government and military officials. In response, the United States would move incrementally toward fully normalized relations. Although the Vietoamese

never formally accepted the Turned away by Cuba and the road map, they are acutely aware that they have met most of its conditions. Vietnam's cooperation warrants the immediate normalization of diplomatic relations. It would be unfair, injurious to the credibility of the United States and beneath the dignity of a great nation to evade commitments that were freely undertaken.

The issue involved in our relations of greatest importance to the American people is the ac-counting for our missing service-

Although it is probably impos-sible for American policymak-ers to fully comprehend the ob-The writer, who was o prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years, is a scure workings of power in Republican senator from Arizona Hanoi, we can, at least, demoo-

with the United States on this the United States. issue is extensive and has increased since we lifted our trade balance of power in the region. embargo against Vietnam last If decentralization and other practically every American official - military and civilian - ic reform of the regime and the involved in our Joint Task Force restraint of Chinese imperialfor a Full Accounting. We have ism, the United States will likemade substantial progress in determining the fates of all those ber one security problem. missing for whom we can rea-It is, therefore, absolutely in sonably expect an accounting.

> Four years ago, former Vietoamese Forcign Mioister Nguyen Co Thach grasped a truth that had cluded some of his Polithuro comrades. "Vietoam," he told me, "must accept the destiny of a small country." Vietnam has come a loog way in the past five years toward acand should relinquish its linger-

The Washington Post.

strate that there are benefits to seeking accommodation with

Of even greater concern is the political dynamies within China today do not lead to the systemly confront China as our num-

our national security interests The Victnamese government to have an economically viable even allows us to excavate Viet-Victnam strong enough to renamese cemeteries in our search sist, in concert with its neighbors, the heavy-handed tacties There remain only 55 cases of its great power neighbor. that offer even the slightest That reason, more than any hope that the servicemen io other, urges the normalization question did not die at the moof our relations and makes Vietment of their initial loss and nam'a membership in the Assothat we think might he re- ciation of South East Asian Nations, and the increasingly responsible role Hanoi is playthrough unilateral action oo ing in regional affairs, a very welcome development.

Kids Are Safe in Cyberspace

N EW YORK — We cannot stand idly by while chil
By David S. Bennahum over the Net, it's usually spootate oeous and unexpected — like an dren are subjected to pornograpby and smut on the Internet." Secator Jim Exon warms

His proposed solution, hastily debated and passed by the cyber smart." Senate Commerce Committee, posefully exposing them to pornography in cyberspace. The bill, known as the Com-

punish anyooc coovicted of secure of domestic settings sending obscene material the bedroom - while the parthrough computer networks with up to a \$100,000 fine and

two years in prison. That doesn't only mean individuals distributing pornography. It could also mean erotic love letters distributed by E-mail or sexually explicit fiction.

According to Mr. Exon. Democrat of Nehraska, cyberspace is a dangerous jungle of interconnected networks where pedophiles and pornographers roam freely. By stopping obscenity in cyberspace, you pro-

tect children, the logic goes.

To understand the real magnitude of the supposed prob-lem, and the foolishness of the out of hand, children must solution, you have to speak with children, go oo line and experience cyberspace with them. You will find a world far law. It requires parents and different from the jungle Mr.

Exoo that perceives.

Cyberspace is their world. Of the 6.8 million bouseholds with on-line accounts, 35 percent have a youngster under is the same technology that 18. and the average age oo the protects childreo.

Internet is 23 and falling.

In a text-based medium like

With such a dense concentration of children in one "place," picking up kids in cyberspace should be like "shooting fish in a barrel," according to Fred Cotthat deals with computer crime.

are few cases involving face-to- adults assume the person face cootact initiated by a meet- they're chatting with is a peer. ing in cyberspace, according to This bends the boundaries nor-Ernie Allan, the director of the mally erected hetween adults Nacional Center for Missing or and children. Most of the time Ahused Children. The oumbers the collapse of these boundare low because, for the most aries is oot barmful, part, children know enough oot to give their addresses to strangers or agree to meet with them.

You can really get into seri-

ous situations when people ask you questions on line," a 15year-old girl explained to mc co

line. "You have to think about that before answering. You have to be street smart and

While the specifies of Mr. Exwill do little to curb people in- oo's concerns reflect the envitent on abusing children or pur- ronment of the information age. the underlying fear behind the bill taps into agcless stories we bave all grown up with. Like the munications Decency Act. is wolf in "Little Red Riding scheduled to reach the U.S. Hood," the cyber-stalker, we Senate floor early next month are told, comes disguised as a as part of a mammoth telecom- friend, even another child, and munications package. It would sneaks undetected into the most

MEANWHILE

ents go about their business, oblivious to what is bappening. Today's version makes much of the fact that in cyberspace there are no walls or doors for parents to lock. Yet the Exon hill would do nothing to stop the seduction of children in cyberspace. Pedophiles do not harass or send obscene material to their intended victims. They form friendships. Sending vulgar messages erodes the essen-tial ingredient required for a meeting: trust. For things to get agree to a face-to-face meeting. Stopping that from happening is beyond the reach of federa children to set rules about meet-

And it turns out that the technology that allows the wolf to hide hebind a friendly face

ing friends made on line.

cyberspace, children hold all the cards: They can conceal their sex, age and location. This privacy not only protects them from physical barm, it is ton of Search, an organization also powerfully liberating. In such an environment, role-Yct, for all the talk of adults playing thrives. Children can stalking children oo line, there represent themselves as adults,

> Children, like adults, go oo line to communicate and explore, but they also use resources like forums devoted to specific subjects, electronic libraries and encyclopedias. When obscene material comes

oeous and unexpected -hike an obscene phone call. For example, you may be discussing base-hall on line, and suddenly a new arrival makes offensive remarks. You can always leave the discussion, and in any case cyberspace has its own restraints; harassers face the scorn of the crowd and

the possibility of their on-line ? account getting revoked.

As in real life, kids form cliques and circles of friends. Word-of-mouth and group opinion serve as a potent and protective barrier. You can also block the receipt of electronic mail from specific people.

If children actively seek out obscene material, stoppiog them is much more difficult. But as a 14-year-old girl point-ed out to me, "If a kid wants to look at dirty pictures and be can't find them on line, be'll

find them somewhere else." Mr. Exon'a proposal does not address the real problem of pornography in cyberspace namely, that since a lot of material inappropriate for children isn't legally obscene, it would be as available in cyberspace as it is on a newsstand. The Communications Decency Act says nothing about rating systems.

Cyberspace, with 20 million users worldwide, connecting 145 nations, is too rich and complex an environment for a law as general and misinformed as the Communications Decen-cy Act. The Clinton administraoon, concerned that the Senate will vote without a real understanding of the issues at stake, lct alone knowledge of how cyberspace functions, asked the Senate to hold hearings on the

act before voting.

The Senate has no formal plans to do so. That is a mistake. Cyberspace is a resource too precious to submit to dangerously simplistic legislation. Congress should educate itself on this environment before considering Mr. Exon's indecent proposal.

Mr. Bennahum is writing a book titled "Coming of Age in Cyber-space." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

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Regarding "A Good United Nations Job in Cambodia" (Opinion, April 29) by Elizabeth Becker:

Cambodian Returnees

The writer's optimistic view of Cambodia masks a bitter aspect in detention camps in Hong of life for many Cambodians. Kong, Thailand and other Asian How can we dismiss some of the Countries for years with the state of the UN They are to be remarked to the presence in Cambodia: its effect countries they find by book -- on the cost of living, the widen-350,000 were indeed returned to their country, but what impact has their return had on their already impoverished community? Under what conditions do they

live today?

Although the international community heralded the repatriation as an early success a 1993 World Food Program report mentioned that 60 percent of the returned Cambodians had fallen into the "vulnerable" category, those unable to fend for themselves. According to the same source, 90 percent of the returnees to whom the United Nations promised land, vital for their livelihood, in fact found themselves landless. This, coupled with the inability

integratioo projects, meant that thousands of women and Since then, many of them

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have been displaced, but the health centers, deprived of doctors and medicines, are still inundated with tuberculosis patients, and the continued fighting in some areas, coupled with the failure of effective reintegration of these refugees, has meant that they have found oo place to live in Cambodia.

YVETTE PIERPAOLL European Representative. Refugees Internacional. Serviers, France.

An Arafat Appointee Regarding "Arabs Warn U.S.

on Jerusalem Embassy" (May 10): The report states that "Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, the mufti of Jerusalem — the top Muslim religious official in the city — said the plot for the prospective U.S. Embassyl had been confiscated by Israel

from the Islamic Trust." Sheikh Sabri is Chairman Yasser Arafat's appointee. A report by the nonpartisan Peace Watch found that his appointof the United Nations to devel-op the promised short-term re-Article 5 of the Declaration of

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the Principles, as well as the Gaza-Jericho Agreement. The

solved through joint investiga-

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the part of the Vietnamese.

Normalizatioo might also aid reform forces in Vietnam.

for American remains.

The United States demonstrated that the Islamic Trust did ing resentments from the war. not own the land and that title to it was clear when it was leased by the U.S. government. However. it failed to observe that Sheikh Sabri, being an illegal appointee. had no authority to speak for the Islamic Trust. Evidently, not embarrassing Chairman Arafat is a component of U.S. and Isradi government policy.

JOSEPH LERNER.

Eloquent Testimony

Samuel Pisar's account of his liberation by American troops at the end of World War II ("Then Came the Five-Pointed Star of Life and Freedom," Opinion, May 8), moved me to tears. May I respectfully suggest that copies of his address be hand-delivered to Senator Jesse Helms and other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and that you consider reprinting this cloquent testimony annually oo the anniversary of V-E Day?

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PAULA

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Reviewed by Gabriella DeFerrari

TSABEL Allende's new book, Paula is more than a memoir. It is a tender, moving and vivid record of a mother's agony at the bedside of her daughter - a 27-year-old wbo succumbed to a hereditary dis-ease called porphyria and, be-cause of a doctor's misdiagnosis, lay in a coma for a year before dying. The book moves through dark territories from desperation to hearthreaking acceptance of that most searing of losses, the premature death

Like Allende's brilliant novel "The House of Spirits," which uses a farewell letter to the protagonist's dying grand-father as its point of departure, "Paula" begins as a long letter
this one to Allende's unconscious daughter as a way of giving her back the life that is

ehbing away. But although Paula's illness sparked the writing of this book, "Paula" tells us little about Allende's daughter beyond the parameters of her brief life. The book is really about

Allende and her family. Allende tells us how she did not begin to write fiction until 1981, when she was 40. By then she had tried several avenues that had left her unsatisfied. Born in Peru, the daughter of a

diplomat who abandoned his family when Allende was very young, she returned to Chile with her mother to the borne of her maternal grandparents. There she grew up in a large, extended family headed by her grandfather and presumed clairvoyant grandmother. A mece of Salvador Allende,

she was a close witness to this enigmatic man's life and tragic end. Presideot Allende'a fall from power made it impossible for Isabel Allende and her family to remain in Chile. The account of her last hours in Santiago is moving, as are the descriptions of life in Pinochet's tormented Chile. Transplanted to Venezuela, with a husband she no longer loved, two children, no job, approaching the middle of her life. Allende was forced to assess her existence.

In Chile she had worked as a tabloid journalist and as a minor television personality. Now, in exile, she was forced to acknowledge that her life had been mediocre and unsatisfying. Then, too, it became appareot that her marriage, to a rather phlegmatic Anglo-Chilean, was over.

Her writing eventually brought her to California on a book tour, where she met Willie, the man who changed her life. She now lives on the northern California coast.

It took the success of three novels for Allende to admit to herself that she was a writer. For her, writing has become a tool for survival, an accord be-

tween the real and the imagined Allende tells us, is a ritual to life. We learn of people who give her the gift of their story. from her clairvoyant grand-mother, who dictated to the author as she wrote "The House of Spirits." to the victims of the atrocióes during the Pinochet years, who pursued her with their stories until she was forced to write them. Writing,

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which she summons spirits: "I do not choose the subject, the subject chooses me."

Gabriella DeFerrari, outhor of the fortneoming "Gringa Latina: A Woman of Two Worlds," wrote this for The Washington Post_

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By Roderick Conway Morris International Herald Tribune

ERRARA, Italy - The music of Mozart's "Die Zauberflöte" is for the most part of unabasbed simof a consummate master.

The story, set in a hazily-outlined, imaginary Egypt, of the chivalrous mission of Prince Tamino, accompanied by the child of nature Papageno, to rescue Pamina at the behest of her mother, the Queen of the Night, from captivity in the hands of the High Priest Sarastro, is lacking in complexity even by the undemanding narrative standards of fairy tales (though there is a mild twist when we discover who the real baddies are).

Meanwhile, this hazardously insubstantial, delicately poised structure is expected to carry a serious message, deeply-imbued with Enlightenment thinking, about human responsibilities and the vicissitudes and rewards of the pursuit of the Good Life.

"The Magic Flute" was written a few months before Mozart's death, and John Eliot Gardiner has left it till last in his five-yearlong project to stage and record all seven of the composer's mature operas. To realize a truly convincing staged version of this sub-limely-scored philosophical pantomime is a challenge that has defeated many distin-guished conductors in the past, But Gardiner, the director Stepheo Medcalf, the English Baroque Soloists, Monteverdi Choir and the European dancers of the American Pilobolus Dance Theatre triumphantly showed that it could be done at the Teatro Comunale in

the glockenspiel, a gilded picture frame, dagger, staff and apple.

But through the music, movement, cos-tume and lighting the company conjures up plicity—the simplicity, however, an illusion of teeming, constantly shifting locales. The Pilobolus team of four male story, set in a hazily-outlined, imagfluid, lissome, and gracefully acrobatic transformed themselves seemingly effortlessly into rampant lions, chains, columns, arches. Papageno's binds in flight, the lofty, swaying tree from which Papageno threatens to hang himself, water, leaping flames and a bed of roses for Pamina to sleep upon. These visual effects are artfully enhanced by Rick Fisher's excellent lighting ef-

> Romeo Gigli's costumes were equally in harmony with the spirit of the production. His eye-catching woven, brocaded, striped and beaded combinations — from Sarastro's gold morning coat and Red Indian headband to the Queen of the Night's sparkling multitrained extravaganza provide pleasing splashes of color against

the austere monochrome backdrop.

Gardiner is a tireless seeker of exceptional new young voices, and his flair for spotting talent was confirmed by the cast - all of whom performed with panache. putting evergy into their acting as well as their singing — expertly directed by Stephen Medcalf, and inspired additionally, no doubt, by the elegant example set by their Pilobolus colleagues.

Particularly remarkable was Gerald Fin-

Ferrara Friday. The whole action takes place ley's Papageno, in which the character's on a bare stage, the only props being the flute, low-comic, impish, stubborn and unwordly elements were brilliantly blended; and Harry Peeters's dignified and powerful Sarastro, which lent credence to the didactic thread of the drama. Angela Kazimierczuk, Carola Guber and Maria Jonas

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were divertingly wicked, lascivious and poutingly preposterous as the Queen of the Night's Three Ladies.

The breakneck Papageno-Papagena duet of Constanze Bucket, as the start favore. Finley during which the two start fever-ishly to rip off each other's clothes, unable to wait a momeot longer before beginning production of the borde of tiny tots they intend to inflict upon an unsuspecting world, was engagingly sexy, funny and superlatively sung.

The English Baroque Soloists and Monteverdi Choir acquitted themselves with their usual faultless technique, mastery of the score and passionate commitment, prothe score and passionate communent, producing a richness and subtlety of tone that one can only hope will encourage any of their Italian conferes listening to push ahead with the adoption of period instruments for the playing of Baroque music (a movement still in its infancy in Italy).

This "Magic Flute" reveals the dazzling results that can be achieved by bringing together the very best of international mu-

sic-making and theater.

Performances of "Die Zauberflöte": Amsterdam (Concertgebow) June 19, 20, 22;
Ludwigsburg (Forum am Schlosspark), July 2 and London (Queen Elizabeth Holl), July 12, 14.



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Cannes photo album: Clockwise from top, Ken Loach, right ("Land and Freedom"); Nicholas Cage ("Kiss of Death"); Korine and Clark ("Kids"); Pryce in "Carrington"; Annie Shizuka Inoh ("Haonan Haonu").

'Kids' Grabs Spotlight at Cannes

By Joan Dupont International Herald Tribune

ANNES - At week's end of a flagging compedition, the Cannes Film Festival has finally gotten one of its most awaited films. The phenomenon is American: "Kids," directed by photographer Larry Clark, gave the festival a shot in the arm.

Following an intense suspense campaign engineered by Miramax, a company expert in this kind of media maneuver ("The Crying Game": Please don't give away the ending), "Kids" (Please don't give away the morals) arrived like The Little-Engine-That-Could, puffing out a double message: scandal. yes, but actually, sex, drugs and AIDS can be family entertainment.

The 90-minute film displays more frontal language than frontal nudity. Violence intrudes in an almost desultory way, gnawing on the nerves, leaving a show what it's like when kids are out of the house in their own reality."

The director claimed that the kids on screen were older than they looked, and that none were doing drugs. He even got in a pitch for Disney, the distributor. Clark's film moves like the kids on

their shareboards from a script by 114year-old Harmony Korine. Certain scenes are brilliantly written and edited, cutting between a session among girls, then boys, about the kind of sex they like.

It's summer in the city, and in a bedroom crowded with teddybears. Telly (Leo Fitzpatrick) is working over a girl who looks 12. I really like you, he says, I promise it won't hurt. Telly's idea of safe sex - and friends are on the rampage from the upper West Side to Washington Square Park, looking for more fun. Jennie (Chloé Sevigny), one of his discards, is searching for film is corruption of innocents, the puzzle is how these savvy girls let themselves be duped, abused and victimized.

adapted "The Neon Bible" from a book impossible love, considering the skin- as exciting as artificial insemination.

It is the story of a boy growing up in the such self-absorbed characters. Bible Belt. Davies, a director born in Liverpool, who won the Critics' Prize in 1988 with "Distant Voices, Still Lives," transposes his poetic musical world to another setting: the impoverished U.S. South. The boy (Drake Bell as a child, Jacob Tierney

perbly by Gena Rowlands. Davies says, "My heroes tend to be women because I was brought up by my sisters and, being gay, I feel quite uncomfortable with men, for obvious reasons. The young child acts as a catalyst for

as a teenager) is at the center, but the star is

Aunt Mae, a nightclub singer played su-

the story, but women are my heroes."

Davies read the novel in a single sitting: "It's a very mature work for a 16- foil for Strachey and a puzzle to watch. year-old. I tried to capture the essence of the book. That's what's exciting, like in William Wyler's 'The Heiress' - a lot of that dialogue isn't by Henry James, but it taste of ashes. Clark called his movie a cautionary tale, saying, "We wanted to child experiencing the world. Those imsounds like Henry James. This is about a ages burn into you and paradise can be lost, but you can still enjoy it."

19th-century classics is upon us. Emma "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Campion's take or Henry Janet" "Portrate of a La dy" are no doubt sterling projects, ally Victorian mansions. Ingeniously built though the ads make Isabelle Archer look on the metaphor of the insect kingdom. like an 18th-century strumpet.

Meanwhile, Christopher Hampton's 'Carrington,' starring the divine Emma and the excellent Jonathan Pryce, has been adapted from Michael Holroyd's biography of Lytton Strachey. The film. Hampton's directorial debut, squeezes fun - is deflowering virgins. He and his the last drops from the Bloomsbury legend - those madcap children of Victorian parents, writers, painters, manicdepressives, who fell in love with the wrong sex. From the moment Lytton him. If the less exhibitionist aspect to the Strachey (Pryce) gets off the train, his eye Strachey (Pryce) gets off the train, his eye playing a governess right out of "Jane alights on the young groom who comes to Eyre," is draped in dark materials, like a meet him. He next spots the boyish, virginal Carrington and is, all too briefly, Another, very different kids' story di- attracted; she is hooked for life. Although

that John Kennedy Toole ("A Confeddeep approach to character, it looks more cracy of Dunces") wrote when he was 16. as if this was the only love possible for

Hampton plotted in segments; between the pieces that span the '20s and '30s, it is hard to fill in the blanks. Witty one-liners do not a movie make, and we are in for the inevitable "Vanessa, my dear, how is

Clive today?" kind of dialogue. Pryce is brilliant as the witty, tormented Lytton; Thompson runs on, like a hectic schoolgirl. The real problem is that Hampton sets an attractive table, designed by Caroline Amies with music by Michael Nyman, but hasn't put art into what he's serving. The actors are left to their own devices. Their supposedly dangerous li-aisons look muddled, and we never get insight to the masochistic Carrington, a

AMPTON has been on the project since the '70s. The film was slated to be directed by Mike Newell, but when Newell was swept up in the success of "Four Weddings and a Funeral," Hampton took over.

"Angels and Insects," directed by Cannes is as much about what's in the Philip Haas from a screenplay he wrote air as what's on screen, and nostalgia for with his wife, Belinda, is based on "Morpho Eugenia" by A.S. Byatt. If "Car-Thompson's adaptation of Jane Austen's rington" is nostalgia, this movie is "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Carpia's voyeurism, a highbrow look at all the ky sex that went on behind those stateon the metaphor of the insect kingdom. the camera dissects the behavior of the Alabaster estate.

Father is fascinated with Darwin, the son with the hunt, and the daughter, beauteous Eugenia (Patsy Kensit) with breeding a future race of Alabasters. Into this privileged enclave enters a poor naturalist. Adamson (Mark Rylance). He must, and alas does, win Eugenia; or does she win fresh genetic material to sire her young? Eugema is dressed like a monarch butterfly, and elegant Kristin Scott Thomas, praying mantis. There is plenty of smart talk, by overarticulate characters spelling vided audiences here. Terence Davies has this is supposed to be the story of an repressions, but the movie's effect is about out vagaries of Victorian obsessions and

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Maria Friedman at Whitehall: an actress who treats her songs as if they were one-act plays for solo voice.

Civilized Talk, Uncivilized Ways

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - At the Orange Tree in Richmond, the director Sam Walters has maintained a fierce loyalty to the playwright James Saunders, going back all of 20 years; elsewhere, Saunders remains oddly unfashionable as a dramatist and his new "Retreat" begins to tell us why.

He is an immensely elegant, bookish writer of the kind we nowadays normally confine to midafternoon on BBC radio.

Saunders assumes a literate. intelligent audience, with time to spare and no especial desire to be suddenly shocked or shak-

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en out of their skins. "Retreat" is the story of a writer, wonderfully played by Tim Pigott-Smith as a study in lonely self-absorption. Rather improbably, he is making enough of a living as a comic columnist to have been able to retire prematurely to a Welsh cottage after a car crash in which he has who knows how intentionally, killed

young hippie girl (equally well played by Victoria Hamilton, in whom, almost direct from drama school, the Orange Tree has discovered a star) whose parents were once his neighbors and

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his wife and permanently crippled their daughter. Into his "Retreat" eruots a

best friends. In the event of any

disasters, the parents had agreed to act as guardians to each other's children, and she has now come to collect on the deal. Never mind that she has al-

ready been backpacking around India and is clearly old enough to look after herself. Saunders has never been one to allow practicauties to get in the way of his interest in guilt and memory and characters who little by little reveal each other's obsessions. This is a duologue of mood rather than memory, and its final copout ending in the manner of "An Inspector is breathtaking. But Calls' along the way we get an un-usually civilized debate about

uncivilized behavior. At the Lyric Hammersmith, and bearing a trio of awards and Hart, Jacques Brel and the from its native Glasgow, the Tron Theatre's "Dumbstruck!" by David Kane turns out to be a good idea gone horribly wrong. This time we are in the 1960s backstage boarding house of Mrs. Husk. With a former husband already under the floorboards, a pop-singer impressionist who delights in poisoned milk bottles, and a conjuror with unusual vanishing gifts, the stage ought to be set for a manic and murderous theatrical farce high on nostalgia for that peculiarly local form of Glasgow music hall recaptured here, alas, only by the

posters on the walls. Kane has overlooked the first rule of farce, which is that the plot has to be watertight and own eccentric limitations. However dated "Harvey" now seems at the Shaftesbury, it does at least abide by its own

rules. Kane has decided that, postresult "Dumbstruck!" all too soon descends into a desperately unitay and unfocused esits own improbability. Elaine C. Smith and Forbes Masson do what they can to keep the energy level up, but no character is developed carefully enough. no situation maintained long enough, to arouse or maintain our interest.

Ludwig 's "Lend Me a Tenor."

sembling the indoor public baths of some megalomanic Roman emperor, came for five performake perfect sense within its mances only a wondrous revival of "The King and I" starring Liz Robertson, who had played the show all over America with Nureyev, and Irek Mukhamedov. another charismatic Russian ballet dancer, who intrigu-Orion, anything goes, and as a ingly pulled the musical far from the rather cozy charm of Yul Brynner at the end of his long cureer in the role, and instead capade that rapidly vanishes up made it a more sinister show until the moment when, instructed by Mrs. Anna. he finally learns to sweep her off her feet and across the hall in one of the greatest dance moments I have ever seen. This is "The King and 1" as Rodgers and Hammerstein originally wrote it, complete Backstage farce is still a ripe with a dozen or so of the most area of playwriting, witness enchanting Siamese children, all Frayn's "Noises Off" or Ken well under 10 and all in perfect

step for their March.

Broadway theater soonest: the American audience has as yet no idea what it has been missing. NTO Covent Garden's vast Freemason's Hall, seldom open to the public except in these festival weeks, and re-

but it needs to be sustained with

tremendous and intricate care.

not this anything-goes ramble

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properly built, and here it looks

as though it has merely been

Special Arrangement" at

Whitehall is that considerable

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Friedman, still in her early 30s,

is far and away the best show

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ebration of Sondheim, Rodgers

rest, she has had the intelligent

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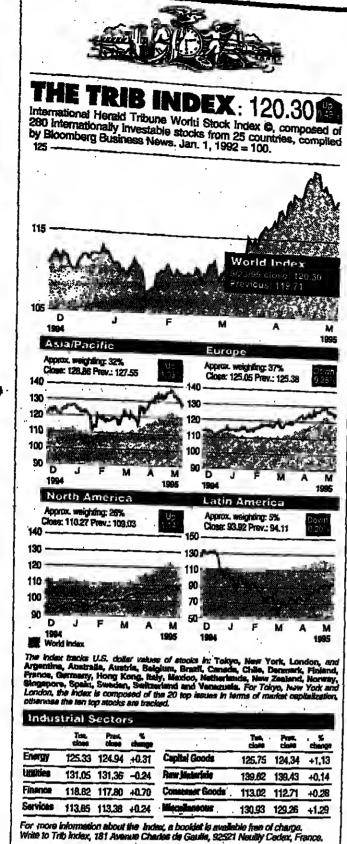
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Toyota Profit Up But Yen Looms

TOKYO - Toyota Motor Corp. said Tuesday that strong sales and cost-cutting measures helped it post a current group profit of 274.8 billion yen (\$3.2 billion) in the nine months to

That tops the 236.5 billion yen Japan's largest automaker earned for all of the 1993-94 financial year. Because Toyota is switching the end of its financial year to March from June, comparable year-ago results were not available.

Sales reached 8.12 trillion yen in the nine-month period. Sales for all of the previous fi-nancial year were 9.36 trillion yen. Toyota sold 1.56 million vehicles in Japan in the ninemonth period, with 1.7 million

The company posted a net profit of 131.9 billion yen for the period, topping the 125.8 billion earned in all of the previous financial year.

But Toyota forecast tough times ahead as the strong yen takes a toll and possible U.S. trade sanctions take effect. The United States has said it will slap 100 percent punitive tariffs on 13 Japanese luxury car models if Japan fails to widen access to its market for U.S. cars and car parts by the end of June.

The sanctions list includes all five Lexus models, of which Toyota sells some 87,000 a year in North America.

The sanctions could "inflict great damage on Toyota," said Hiroshi Okuda, an executive vice president.

"Toyota could face a critical situation in its first half," said Noriyuki Matsushima, a senior analyst at Nikko Research Center. "It may post a loss in the first half unless it makes efforts to cope with the strong yen."
(Reuters, AP, Bloomberg, AFX)

A Last Gamble at Lloyd's After Huge Losses, Settlement Sought

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune

LONDON - After centuries of crafting insurance policies to cover some of the world's most exotic risks — from pianists' fingers to starlets' legs — Lloyd's of London addressed the trickiest risk of all on Tuesday:

At what David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, acknowledged was a "critical juncture" in the 300-year history of the venerable insurance market, Lloyd's unveiled a £2.8 billion (\$4.4 billion) settlement offer designed to end years of costly litigation with its thousands of wealthy individual members.

Virtually lost, bowever, in the plethora of proposals to create what market executives termed a "new Lloyd's," free of the problems of the past, was the announcement of a huge annual loss for the market.

Lloyd's, which reports its earnings three years in arrears, said Tuesday that it lost £1.2 billion in 1992, bringing the total loss in the past four years on account to about £8 billion. Disasters such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 contributed beavily.

The centerpiece of the package announced Tuesday, however, was a settlement offer to the so-called Names, individual Lloyd's members whose assets have traditionally backed its policies. It included a proposed £2 billion in condit to be used by Names to help most in credit to be used by Names to belp meet their debts to Lloyd's, plus £800 million in cash earmarked for settlement of outstanding legal claims against the market by the Names,

Crucially, the package also included a new framework for Equitas, the entity that Lloyd's plans to set up next spring to take over all risks on policies written before 1993. To meet potential claims on those policies, Equitas would need a capital base of a staggering £16 billion,

Boeing Widens Job-Cut Plan

Through Equitas, Names would hope to get one thing that many insist they want more than anything — a final cap on their losses. In the future, beleaguered Names wishing to wash their hands of Lloyd's would, in theory, be able to pay Equitas a premium and be assured in the words of Mr. Rowland, that Lloyd's "will not chase them anymore" to recover their debts.

In essence, Equitas would offer Names an insurance policy against their future losses on policies covering things like asbestos poisoning and pollution, claims the full scale of which is typically not known for many years, or even decades.

"We are offering Names reinsurance, not absolution, from risks written in the past." Mr. Rowland said.

Although Names will not vote on the proposals until next spring and are expected to continue their liugation in the interim, early indications from a number of groups repre-senting Lloyd's Names suggest that such a cap coupled with the settlement offer may

well end the acrimony.
"I think this plan will go down quite well with the Names," said Robert Miller, a consultant with the Association of Lloyd's Members, which represents nearly 10,000 active Names. "It should get Lloyd's out of all of its

The Names' reaction is crucial. Lloyd's desperalely needs its members to abandon their efforts to seek compensation through the courts and to start paying off their debts to the market. At the end of last year, roughly 8.000 individual Names owed £2.2 billion to Lloyd's, money that is urgently needed if Lloyd's is to honor the claims against its myriad insurance policies.

"Unless we deal with problems in this area," declared Mr. Rowland, "we baven't got

U.S. Accuses EU Of Favoring **Managed Trade**

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - President Bill Clinton's top trade officials accused the European Union on Tuesday of favoring managed trade after Brussels opposed America's tactics in its dispute with Japan.

Mickey Kantor, the presi-dent's trade envoy, and Ronald H. Brown, the commerce secretary, were reacting to repeated charges by Sir Leon Brittan, the European trade commissioner. that it was illegal for the United States to threaten to impose \$5.9 billion of punitive tariffs

on Japanese goods.

Mr. Kantor cited an array of European restrictions on Japanese car imports, criticizing European rules that require 60 percent local content in all Japanese cars. He said in an interview that Sir Leon was "somewbat confused" and that European criticism of possible

U.S. sanctions was bypocritical. "How can they criticize us when they themselves maintain a closed market to the Japanese?" Mr. Kantor asked, accusing the European Union of favoring a

policy of "managed trade."
Mr. Brown, speaking as he emerged from the annual ministerial meetings of the Organization for Economic Cooperation ropeans are going to be a major beneficiary of our success with the Japanese." He added that "it is a little frustrating when those benefit from what we do are publicly not supporting us." Several diplomats bere said.

however, that once the shouting this week was over, they expected some serious, behind-thescenes, talking to begin.

Ryutaro Hashimoto, Japan's

trade minister, said in an interview that Japan found support from Sir Leon "encouraging." Mr. Hashimoto added he hoped

solved by the time leaders from the Group of Seven industrialized countries meet in mid-June in Halifax, Nova Scoula. He added that this could happen only if "the United States will change its position."

Günter Rexrodt, Germany's economics minister, said "we are interested in a friendly solution otherwise this could impact world trade." He said he could imagine a solution by the time of the Halifax meeting being 'possible."

Mr. Rexrodt distinguished himself from most other European delegates, who were criti-cal of the U.S. sanctions threat. by saying that "in general I feel closer to the Americans." He added, bowever, that U.S. manufacturers should not expect to reap benefits in Japan overnight "when German car companies have invested over a long time, and made more efforts, and sell more cars."

The OECD meetings here, in which plans for a new investment treaty and the need to fight unemployment were discussed, were almost completely eclipsed by the U.S.-Japan trade dispute.

Renato Ruggiero, the new director-general of the World Trade Organization, meanwhile made his debut bere in a round and Development, said "the Eu- of separate consultations with the Americans, Japanese and Europeans.

Although he made clear that no negotiations had been held, Mr. Ruggiero did stress that Mr. Kantor had assured him Washingtou would respect any ruling made by the WTO on its dispute with Tokyo. Both the United States and Japan have brought their complaints to the WTO.

Mr. Ruggiero also tried to reduce tension between the United States and Japan, saying "I would not want to overdramatize things."

Boeing Co. said Tuesday that it expected to eliminate an additional 5,000 jobs this year, bringing total job cuts in 1995 to 12,000. The move was intended to reduce costs in response to increasing competitive pressures, Boeing said. The added job cuts come at a time when the

By Lawrence M. Fisher

New York Times Service

airline industry has returned to profitability after four years of losses. But Boeing executives said the duration of the recession had raised doubts

new airplanes. They also said that to remain competitive with Europe's Airbus Industrie cousortium and other aireraft manufacturers. Boeing had to continue to reduce costs. Boeing shares closed Tuesday at \$56.875, up 62.5 cents, on the New York Stock Exchange.

about how soon airlines would be ready to order

Analysts said the increased cuts were not surprising in light of an early-retirement program announced by Boeing last month. So far, more than 6,000 of the approximately 13,000 employees eligible to take advantage of the program bave declared their intention to retire.

The Web Comes to Cannes

By Walt Baranger New York Times Service EW YORK -

Those who are sure their invitations to the Cames Film Festival were lost in the mail, as well as those never likely to get there, can do their stargazing by computer for the next few days on a series of World Wide Web sites dedicated to covering the glitz and

the glory.

Created by people from Japan to New York, three Web sites have found corporate sponsors to help defray costs of computers and staff, in what amounts to an experiment in covering a news event over the Internet.

The festival, which runs until Sunday, is as famous for

its rampant partying as for its films, and two Web sites — Palme d'Or and Cannes on Cyber - dedicate nearly as much space to gossip and parties and what they call "buzz" (as distinct from gossip) as they do to motion pictures and directors.

Early in the festival, which began May 17, blank spaces and huge text files dominated the three Web sites. But they were designed to expand with

web page featuring movie stars posing near, boarding on, riding in and alighting from all sorts of Air France planes. They also included Louis Lumière, co-inventor of the motion-picture camera. The Palme d'Or site, based in France and sponsored by

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film clips or celebrity tidbits as the festival progressed.
Cannes on Cyber, based in Japan, led to an Air France

Zenith Data Systems, a unit of the French computer maker Groupe Bull, contains mostly news articles and pubof the French computer maker Groupe Bull, contains mostly news articles and publicity releases. Plenty of arcane facts are available, but the site offers no way to search for specific informa-tion. Some links lead to dead ends, which may baffle inexperienced users.

In New York, the interactive site, called Jenkins Goes to Cannes, will post video clips and movie trailers. This site is easy to navigate, al-though the articles are difficult to read because they are set against a background im-printed with palm leaves.

One page offers French translations of vital English phrases commonly used in Cannes, such as "Let's do lunch" (On dejeune) and "I'll have my people call your people" (Mon assistante appellera votre assistante).

Even with three competing sites, however, the first few pages about the Cannes Film Festival on the World Wide Web lacked film clips and the festival's panache. The com-ing week will show whether World Wide Web developers can build entertaining and commercially viable multimedia pages quickly.

Thorn EMI To Get Into Multimedia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
LONDON — Thorn EMI PLC said Tuesday its EMI Musie division would expand into multimedia entertainment through ventures with Apple Computer Inc. and Virgin Interactive Entertainment.

EMI Music plans to produce interactive CD-ROM products that will combine hit music ti-

tles with video images.

Thorn EMI said pretax profit fell 17 percent, to £271.1 million, in the year to March 31. Sales rose 5 percent, to £4.51 billion. The company recorded special charges totaling £126.9 million.

Sir Colin Southgate, chairman of Thorn EMI, said the company

would consider a spin-off the umit. Analysts said that prompted a rebound in the company's share price after an early morning decline. Thom EMI shares rose 10 pence, to 1,217. Profit at EMI Music, which

represents artists such as the Rolling Stones and Garth Brooks, rose 20 percent, to £294.9 million, as sales rose 24

percent, to £2.19 billion.

Thorn, which also rents consumer electronics equipment and retails music, said pretax profit before charges rose 23 percent, to £423.6 million. (Bloomberg, AFX)

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Very briefly:

Spanish Bank Helps Quilmes

BUENOS AIRES (Bloomherg) — Spain's Banco Santander SA will lend \$150 million to Quilmes Industrial SA to help finance the Argentine brewer's share of a \$1.69 hillion takeover offer for John Labatt Ltd. of Canada.

On Thursday, the Canadian huyout concern Onex Corp. said it and Quilmes would hid 2.3 hillion Canadian dollars (\$1.7 hillion) for Labatt, the second-largest brewer in Canada.

Labatt on Tuesday called the offer "unrealistically low" and urged shareholders not to reject it. If the takeover goes through, Onex and Quilmes said they would sell Lahatt's nonhrewing

• Medco Research Inc. said it would pay \$51.5 million in new common stock for Repligen Corp., giving it access to a number of new biotechnology products currently undergoing human testing. · Bank of New York Co. agreed to buy the securities custody business of J.P. Morgan & Co., taking over assets of \$800 hillion in stocks and bonds that J.P. Morgan bolds in custody for customers for six to nine months. Terms were not disclosed.

• Citicorp plans to eliminate fees for using its automated teller machines, telephone and personal computer banking, and electronic bill-payment service for customers in the New York metropolitan area and Connecticut.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. will form a new division, MGM Interactive, that will manage the company's development of multimedia products. The division will be run by Ronald Frankel, who was named executive vice president and general manager.

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Traders Love Crown Cork Deal

PHILADELPHIA - Crown Cork & Seal Co.'s \$5.2 hillion deal to acquire CarnaudMetalbox SA of France was cheered on Wall Street and the Paris Bourse on Tuesday.

The agreement, announced late Monday, would create the with it appropriately. world's largest maker of packaging materials. Combined sales of metal and plastic products would total about \$10 bil-

The two companies make bottles, jars, cans and lids for customers ranging from Coca-Cola Co., to PepsiCo Inc. and Gillette Co.

"If you look at the distribution of our husinesses there's

MOLINE, Illinois - Strong demand for

farm machinery worldwide helped Deere & Co. post record income in its second finan-

Deere & Co. earned a net \$237 million in

the quarter to April 30, up from \$189.3

cial quarter, the company said Tuesday.

Avery, chairman of Crown raw materials," he said. "The age of securities that represent Cork, said in New York on two companies combining real-Tuesday.

He said the two companies might be able to fit together well enough to avoid layoffs. But, he added, "If we find we have redundancies, we'll deal

Shares in Crown Cork rose \$5.50, to \$47.25, on the New 29.4 francs, to 219.10 francs (\$42.79).

"Imagine the cost savings and synergies as a result of this Once regulatory agencies combination," said Daniel have approved the transaction, Khoshaba, an analyst with Salomon Brothers Inc.

"This is a company which very little overlap," William will spend \$6 billion a year in able to choose cash or a pack-

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Crown Cork said it had signed an exchange offer agreement to acquire the shares of CarnaudMetalbnx's largest sharebolder, Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations

CGIP, which owns 32 per-York Stock Exchange, while cent of CarnaudMetalhox's CarnaudMetalbox stock rose outstanding common stock. agreed to exchange its shares for equity securities offered hy Crown Cork.

> which is expected no earlier than September, each Carnaud-Metalbox shareholder will be

CGIP will become the largest shareholder of the combined company, with representation on the Crown Cork board.

Founded in Baltimore in 1892, Crown Cork is one of the pioneers in packaging, and invented the aerosol can at the end of World War II.

It has grown into a major metal and plastic packaging producer with 152 plants in 42 countries. Now headquartered in Philadelphia, it had \$4.5 billion in sales last year.

sales of 24.89 billion francs (\$4.86 billion) last year.

with the United Auto Workers, ratified in

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The simmering trade dispute

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(AP, Bloomberg)

known simply by saying that the committee had adjourned with no announcement. Private economists have be-

tral bank overreacted to fears of inflation in doubling short-term rates throughout 1994. If that is true, the Fed may be forced to start cutting them again later this year if the economy slumps.

Fed governors have indicated that so far they believe this is unlikely. Some expect the economy to revive later this year as business inventories are run down and falling bond yields and a weak dollar stimulate housing and exports.

During the first quarter of this year, growth slipped to an annual rate of 2.8 percent, close to the Fed's target rate of 2.5 percent annual growth. In the last quarter of 1994, growth was running at an annual rate of 5.1 1.2030 Swiss francs from 1.1995. The pound fell to \$1.5705 from \$1.5740.

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Satisfied, the Fed Leaves Rates Alone

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Evidently satisfied that the growth of the U.S. economy has moderated, the Federal Reserve Board left interest rates unchanged Tuesday for the second successive meeting of its Open Market Committee.

As widely expected, the tar-get for the federal funds rate,

U.S. Stocks

which sets the wholesale cost of money, remained at 6 percent, where it has stood since Feb. 1. The Fed made its intentions

gun debating whether the cen-

\$3.25, to \$86.50, on the New York Stock

sharply down from the 6.52 percent yield at the last auction.

■ Dow Up on Rate Outlook Optimism that the Federal Reserve Board will reduce interest rates later this year sent stocks higher Tuesday, news

agencies reported. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 40.81 points, at 4.436.44, just shy of a record, and advancing issues outnumbered declining ones by a 2-to-1 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

A general feeling that the U.S. economy will slow enough this year to convince the Fed to take rates lower helped bonds rally. The price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond rose 22/32 point, to 109 19/32, bringing the yield down to 6.86 percent from 6.91 percent Monday.

Technology issues were strong, with EMC Corp. rising 14 to 23% to lead volume on the Big Board. The stock added to gains that came Monday after the company said MCI Communications has decided to use one of its technologies.

Micron Technologies rose I 49%, International Business Machines rose 1% to 97% and Compaq rose 1% to 41%.

Prospects for eventual rate cuts also lifted banking stocks with Bankers Trust New York Corp. rising 214 to 60% and Bank of New York Co. climb ing 2 to 3914. Declining rates widen banks' profit margins and encourage companies and consumers to borrow money.

Bank shares got "roughed up over last six to nine months," as to be some sort of a bounce back, assuming rates don't jump up suddenly."

. In the over-the-counter mar-Nevertheless, financial mar- ket, Republic Waste Technolthe former chairman of Blockbuster Entertainment and the Two-year notes sold at the co-founder of WMX, plans to quarterly Treasury auction take the helm of Republic Waste

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million in the year-ago period, as sales rose to \$2.84 billion from \$2.46 hillion. "Market demand for all our products "That's not good enough," said Blair Brumley, an analyst with Dain Bosworth did not slow purchases of farm equipment. He said he expected moderate growth in in Minneapolis. "These guys have been remains strong, reflecting increased export the North American economy to result in demand, continued growth in the general economy and sustained high levels of farmbeating consensus estimates very handily continued demand for industrial and for quite awhile. The Street has finally lawn- and ground-care equipment. ers' confidence," said Hans W. Becherer, caught up with these guys."

Strong Equipment Demand Lifts Deere

He said Nnrth American sales remained

strong, while the weak dollar was encour-

aging overseas sales. Deere's exports rose

15 percent in the first six months of the

Mr. Becherer said westher-related

year, to \$645 million, the company said.

planting delays in the United States and

some uncertainty about farm legislation

He said a three-year labor agreement

Dollar Holds Its Own After Fed Meeting

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against European currencies hut edged lower against the yen Tuesday after the Federal Open Market Committee, the policymaking arm of the U.S. central hank, left interest rates unchanged,

The Italian lira, Spanish pe seta and Swedish krona dropped against the dollar and the Deutsche mark, meanwhile, amid worries about inflation in Italy and Sweden and political uncertainty in Spain and Italy. Speculation that France may ahandon its strong-currency policy burt the franc.

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Traders said the Fed decision to leave rates unchanged did not affect the dollar hecause it was experted.

The major factors beloing the dollar recently have been efforts by Congress to cut the

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\$203 billion annual U.S. hudget deficit and the government's efforts to pare the \$166 billion annual merchandise trade deficit by leveling sanctions on some Japanese auto exports, traders said.

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dollar," said Tom Hoge, corporate currency trader at Bank of New York. The trade deficit hurts the dollar by putting a hoard of dallars into the hands of foreign exporters who sell them for their own currencies when repstriating profits.

The budget deficit burts the dollar by making U.S. financial markets less attractive to foreign investors.

The dollar rose to 1,4441 DM from 1.4407 DM on Monday. It fell to 87.175 yen from 87.345. Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 5.1315 French to force it to open its market for

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Three-Way Deal Creates Largest Danish Insurer

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches company, to be called Tryg-COPENHAGEN — Den Baltica Forsikring AS. Danske Bank AS, Denmark's largest bank, said Monday it 5.72 billion kroner (\$1.01 hil-

sikring, one of Denmark's larg. of Jan. 1, 1995, which was 6.8 est insurers, and Baltica will billion kroner. form Denmark's largest insur-

ance company. After the merger, Tryg General Ltd., a holding company parent company, but buying its that owns Tryg Forsikring, will more valuable subsidiary." that owns Tryg Forsikring, will control 92 percent of the new

InterTech Leaves Holvis Bidding To Int'l Paper

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputenes BASEL - InterTech Group Inc. said Tuesday that it had withdrawn withdrew its bid for Holvis Holzstoff AG, the Swiss paper-products company, leaving International Paper Co. as the only bidder.

InterTech said its move followed International Paper's agreement to sell Holvis's paper-distribution unit, Muehlebach Group, to Arjo Wiggins Appleton PLC if it won control

of Holvis. "Although InterTech remains fully convinced that Holvis shares are worth at least 500 Swiss francs (\$420), InterTech has concluded, due to this unforeseen event, that a public offer would be inappropriate at

this point," said InterTech. InterTech, a privately held paper and plastics company based in South Carolina, was to release details Wednesday of its 500 franc-per-share offer. International Paper, the world's largest forestry-products maker, said it would stick to its 435 franc-per-share bid, which expires May 30.

Holvis, meanwhile, said Tuesday that it still considered International Paper's offer insufficient and not reflective of and 30 percent of Tryg-Baltica the "inherent value of the com- Forsikring to investors. (Bloomberg, Reuters) pany."

Den Danske Bank said it would keep Danica Group, the sold the insurer Baltica Forsikr- life-insurance arm of Baltica, ing AS to Tryg Forsikring for and some of Baltica's generalinsurance activities.

The bank said it would take The combination of Tryg For- Danica at its net-asset value as

"These are really two separate deals," a spokesman for the bank said. "We are selling the

Den Danske said Danica had annual premium income of about 4.3 billion kroner in its life-insurance husiness and about 900 million kroner in its other operations.

Before selling its sbares to Tryg. Den Danske Bank will exercise its right to buy 10.4 percent of Baltica from Codan Forsikring A/S, a Danish insurer controlled by Sun Alliance PLC, at 1,600 kroner per share.

Den Danske Bank said the sale would give it a one-time gain of about 800 million kroner in its first-half earnings. Part of that amount comes from writing down a loss reserve Den Danske Bank had earlier taken on Baltica.

Baltica reported a loss of 199 million kroner for 1994. Of the total purchase price of 5.72 billion kroner, 4.55 billion will be paid by redeeming 2.7 million of Den Danske Bank's

Baltica shares at 1,685 kroner Tryg-Baltica will pay 202 million kroner for 120,000 shares it will use later in a share issue to employees, and Tryg

Amba will pay 964 million kroner for 572,027 shares. Tryg Amba will also offer to buy the shares of minority shareholders in Baltica Forsikring at a price of 1,685 kroner per share - the same price it pays Den Danske Bank.

Tryg Amba will pay for the purchase through a loan of up to 1.5 billion kroner.

The debt is to be financed by the sale of between 25 percent (Bloomberg, AFX)

U.K. Plan Irks Murdoch Media Rules Would Curb His Holdings

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - New rules on media ownership proposed by the government Tuesday would allow some companies to expand their holdings but would restrict the two largest organizations, including Rupert Murdoch's News Corp.

News International responded with a statement denouncing the proposals and hinting it might sell some of its newspapers.

The proposals would set ownership limits at-10 percent of the total media market, 20 percent of regional markets and 20 percent in a single sector - oewspaper, television or radio.

The rules would measure dominance by revenue or total audience share for the first time and introduce an independent regulator. Newspaper companies with less than 20 percent of the national market would be allowed to own 15 percent of the national television

The proposals were published in what is called a green paper, meaning there will be a period of consultation before draft legislation is published in a white paper.

They would restrict the expansion of News International PLC, a unit of News Corp., as well as that of Mirror Group PLC. The BBC. funded by a license fee and regulated by a public charter, is exempt from the proposed legislation.

The document is not designed with any particular operator in mind at all," Stephen Dorrell, Britain's national heritage secretary. said at a news conference after announcing the proposals.

The problem with the existing rules, Mr. Dorrell said, is that they "cut across the dynamic of the industry to undermine healthy media industries." He also said the current "inyriad of cross-ownership rules" oeeded to be revised and controlled by a regulator.

Under the proposals, if News International wanted to expand its role in television, it would have to get rid of some of its newspaper

The company said it would now have to "consider its position" regarding some of its

unprofitable newspapers and might eventually have to withdraw programming from cable-television companies.

News International publishes The Times, Today. The Sun, The Sunday Times and News of the World, accounting for 37 percent of national newspaper circulation. It also owns 40 percent of BSkyB, a satellite television service.

Mirror Group owns the Daily Mirror, Daily Record, Sunday Mirror, Sunday Record, The People, The Independent and The Independent on Sunday, accounting for 26 percent of national circulation.

The proposals were drawn up after industry leaders expressed concern that existing legislation on media ownership was ill-conceived and permitted Mr. Murdoch's familycontrolled business empire to dominate Britain's commercial media.

News International issued a statement saying the government's message seemed to be. Stop investing in expansion and increase prices to hold back circulations" and that the principal beneficiaries of the proposals would be "the old, vested and often unsuccessful interests" among British media companies.

"Of course there are many questions to be answered, and we hope for a constructive dialogue with this supposedly free enterprise, pro-competitioo government." News International said.

But the chairman of Associated Newspa-pers, Sir David English, welcomed the propos-als. The company, which publishes the Daily Mail and the Evening Standard, has recently expanded into television.

The Newspaper Society, representing re-gional newspapers, called the proposed reforms a "genuine attempt to remove the archaie restrictions which isolate each media sector in its own corner despite the accelerating convergence of print, speech and video."

But the society's director, Dugal Nisbet-Smith, objected to a proposal to ban TV ownership by reginnal companies that control more than 30 percent of their market. (AP, AFX, Bloomberg)

Thyssen Returns to Profit

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BONN - Thyssen AG said an improving economy and cost cutting belped it return to profit in the first half of its latest financial year. The German conglomerate, which has interests in steel, elevators, civil engineering and telecommunications, promised investors they would share in its turnaround.

Thyssen said group pretax profit in the six months to the end of March was 411 million DM (\$284 million). In the period a year earlier, the company posted a loss of 182 million DM. The company said sales rose 16 percent, to 19 million DM.

"All in all, we expect a profit in 1994-95 that will make it possible to pay a satisfactory dividend and boost our capital," the company said. Stock in Thyssen rose 4.5 DM, to 272 DM.

"Revenues were higher than forecast, but profits pretty significantly lower," said Andrew Griffin of NatWest Securities Ltd. in London. He said his firm would likely pare its current forecast for full-year pretax profit of 1.3 billion DM. Analysis said the mark's rise relative to currencies in Thyssen's export markets may already

be undermining margins in steel.

U.K. Clears Bids for Sub Maker

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON — The British government said Tuesday that t would allow two competing bids for the nation's sole submarine maker to go ahead, overruling a recommendation from its antitrust regulators that one of the offers, from General Electric Co. of Britain. be blocked.

The decision set up a heated battle for the submarine builder. VSEL PLC, between General Electric, which already owns the country's only other sizable mili-tary shipyard, and British Aerospace PLC, the nation's largest military contractor. General-Electric, commonly known as GEC, is unrelated to the American company of the same name.

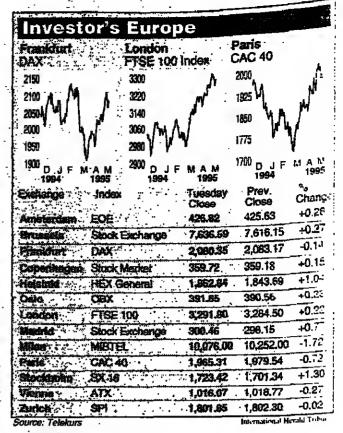
The decision also provided the clearest indication yet of the governing Conservative Party's intent to put aside antitrust considerations and allow companies to make their own decisions about bow best to manage the shrinkage of the militarycontracting business.

"I have concluded that the public interest will be best served by allowing the market to determine the future ownership of VSEL and bence the industrial structure best adapted to meet the U.K.'s forest able naval defense needs," Michael Heseltine, the trade and industry minister, told the House of Commons.

VSEL shares rose 80 pence, to close at £17.80 (\$27.95), in London trading on Tuesday.

■ U.K. 'Wise Men' Disagree Britain's panel of independent economie advisers is split on whether interest rates need to be raised, Bloomberg Business News reported Tuesday from

In the first of two reports this year to Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke, the so-called Six Wise Men said they expected underlying inflation to remain at less than 4 percent. Of the Treasury's advisers, three forecasters said this



Very briefly:

Marks & Spencer PLC's pretax profit rose to £924.3 million (\$1.5 billion) in the year to March 31 from £851.5 million in the previous year, as sales rose to £6.8 hillion from £6.5 billion.

• France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom's pianned joint venture for business services, known as Atlas, is expected to draw a warning from the European Commission on Wednesday about the venture's threat to competition in the EU.

• France's seasonally adjusted trade surplus reached a record 11.84 billion francs (\$2.31 billion) in March, partly thanks to sales of Airbus jets, the Customs Office said. The surplus stood at 11.30 billion francs in February.

• Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse, the largest commercial bank in Norway, is considering making a cash offer for all the equity in the credit company Norgeskredit Holding AS.

 Den norske Bank A/S launched a formal bid of 110 kroner a share (\$17) to acquire Vital Forsikring A/S, valuing the insurance company at 2.963 billion kroner.

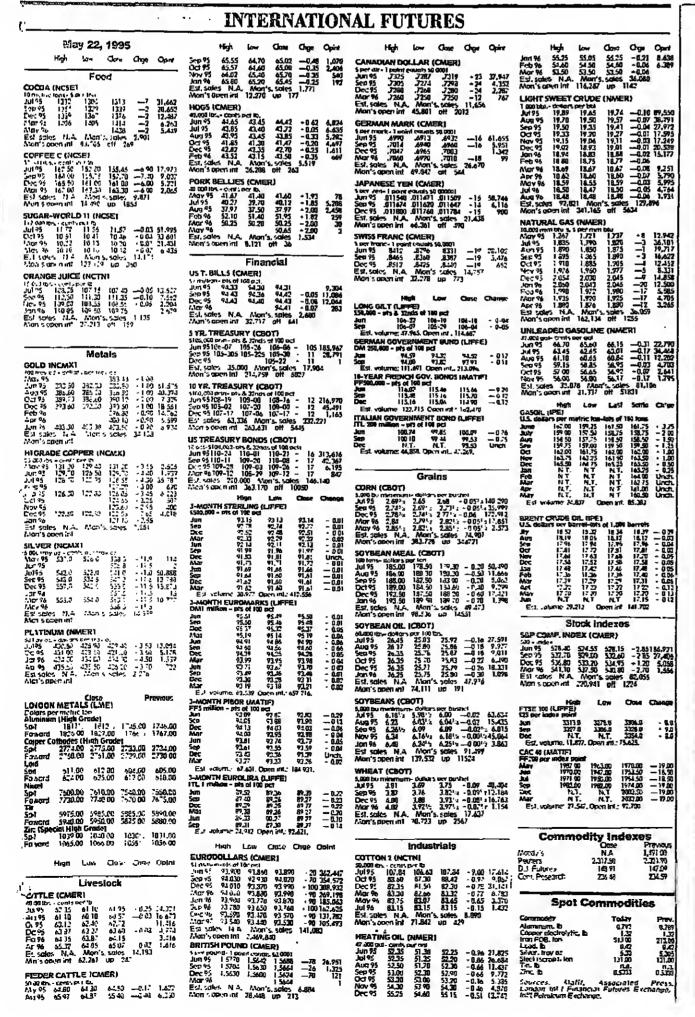
• Latvia's central bank on Tuesday defended its decision to suspend activities of the country's biggest bank, Banka Baltija, saying the commercial bank "did not bave enough liquid resources to continue to meet its obligations or pay depositors."

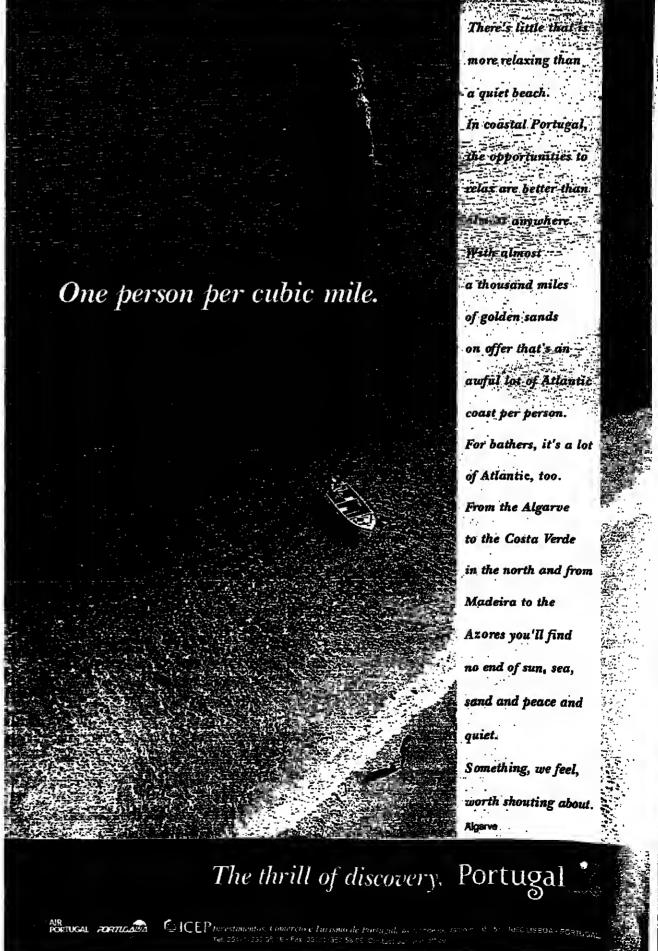
AssiDomaen AB's first-quarter profit jumped to 1.08 billion kronor (\$146 million) from 344 million kronor as strong demand for forest products lifted sales to 5.37 billion kronor from 3.91

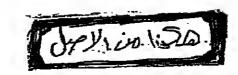
Sweden's metalworkers agreed to a three-year contract guaranteeing roughly 3 percent annual wage increases and including a cut in working hours equivalent to two days a year.

• Bayerische Hypotheken- & Wechsel-Bank AG said its operating profit for the first four mooths of 1995 was below that of the yearago period and that it expected mixed results for the full year. The bank did not release specific figures.

• Philipp Holzmann AG said its first-quarter sales rose to 2.69 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.86 billion) from 2.46 billion DM in the would require further rate rises. year-ago period. Remers, AFX, Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder







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It Took Two to Build This Wall

HONG KONG — HSBC while Paul Selway-Swift, 55. Holdings PLC said Tuesday it would shuffle several executives during the next year as the banking company prepares for the retirement of a key officer.
The moves, which would shift

several executives between the it center, are designed to executive of its Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. unit, prepares to retire in May 1996.

"All of these people have spent their lives within the

Hongkong Bank group," said John Bond, HSBC's chief executive. "This will be the team that leads us into the next century." Some analysts, however, saw the moves as a lost opportunity

for the huge banking concern to prepare for the beginning of chinese governance of Hong chinese governance of Hong Kong in 1997. Mike Trippitt, an analyst at the brokerage S.G. Warburg in

lot of long-term HSBC ers moving around with very little new blood and little evidence of ethnic Chinese at a senior level." HSBC, which split the roles of chief executive and chairman when it moved its headquarters from the territory to London in 1993, will divide those positions

London, said: "It seems to be a

at Hongkong Bank when Mr. Gray, 60, retires after more than 40 years with the bank. John Strickland, 55, executive director of HSBC in Longy. don, will become chairman of Hongkong Bank on Jan. 1, is 57.5-percent owned by Cable 1996. He has been with the and Wireless PLC of Britain, bank since 1966.

retax 2.8 billion yen (\$32 mil

a one-time charge of 8.94 billion

yen in connection with invest-

ments in Carolco Pictures Inc.

and LIVE Entertainment Inc., a

distributor affiliated with Car-

olco. The Hollywood studio, which reported a loss of \$43 mil-

To combat the high yen, Pio-

lagged its competitors.

to suffer losses."

Hongkong Bank's executive director for Hong Kong and China, will move to London in Jan. 1996 to become chairman of HSBC Investment Bank.

HSBC, known in Hong Kong simply as "The Bank" because bank's London headquarters of its stature within the finanand Hong Kong, its biggest prof- cial community, is in the process of linking two of its other strengthen management as John investment units — the Lon-Gray, the chairman and chief don-based Sanniel Montagn & Co. and the Asian investment house Wardley Holdings Ltd. -into a global investment entity. Mr. Selway-Swift's move to London, which he requested was designed to speed that tran-

smon, said Mr. Bond. Chris Langley, 50, will become general manager of Hong-kong Bank for the colony and China beginning in November.

Hutchison Hints at Plans Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., the conglomerate controlled by the financier Li Ka-shing, lifted the veil Tuesday on a fraction of its \$450 million plan to compete with Hong Kong Telecom in the territory's domestic telecommunications market, Reu-

ters reported from Hong Kong. Personalized phone numbers that last a lifetime, high-technology systems for large businesses and competitive rates form the basis of Hutchison's competitive strategy, said Patricia Leung, its managing director. She refused to give further details on the company's strate-

Hong Kong Telecom, which will lose its 20-year monopoly

David Eldon, 49, executive on domestic fixed telecom-director of HSBCs internation-al operations, will become chief the market up to competitors.

Strong Yen Hurts the Fords rather than sell them alongside the Japanese cars. That makes it more Pioneer's Earnings costly for the dealers to take on a new "Toyota has been telling us we cannot mix Toyota cars and Ford cars," said Takashi Makino, general manager of Compiled by One Staff From Dispatches not include results from any Ford Chiba, the branch of the Toyota dealer that sells Fords. In showrooms TOKYO — Pioneer Flee musicilaries, posted a profit of fronics Corp. said Tuesday that the strong yen and losses at its U.S. entertainment divisions closed its group pretax profit to plunge in the year to March.

where both brands are sold, Toyota has been insisting that the company build a wall to separate them, he said. Another obstacle is that both Mr. Kobayashi's and Mr. Ohata's dealerships

are reluctant to sell the smallest, least

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service

of Chiba switched in November from

But Mr. Kobayashi's parent company.

a huge Toyota dealer, saddled him with a

handicap. The showroom it assigned him

is in such an out-of-the-way location that

when it was used to sell Corollas the

company did not even bother to station a

The difficulties that American car mak-

ers have m selling their vehicles in Japan

have been a focus of the trade dispute that

prompted the United States to declare 100 percent import tariffs on 13 models of

Washington says Japanese automobile

dealers are restricted from carrying

American cars because of their close re-

lationships with Japanese car manufac-

turers. Japan responds that auto dealers

are independent businessmen and that

the reason so few of them carry Ameri-

can cars is that Detroit's products are ill-

Visits to two car dealers that have

begun offering American cars in the last

year - the Toyota dealer in Chiba and a

Nissan dealer in western Tokyo -

showed there was some truth to both

American cars generally do not sell

well in Japan, so a dealer can expect two

or three years of losses before there is

any hope of profit. Even after dealers

decide to take on foreign cars, their ties

to Japan's automakers seem to prevent

them from putting their best efforts into

selling the imported vehicles.
"We are in a way Nissan employees, so it's rather hard to aggressively sell cars that compete against Nissan cars," said

Yasutaka Ohata, a manager at Ford Toh-

nichi in western Tokyo. Ford Tohnichi

was set up a year ago by Tokyo Nissan, a

huge dealer that is one-quarter owned by Nissan Motor Co. "Emotionally, we still

have the feeling that we hope the custom-

One obstacle, for instance, is that Nis-

san and Toyota Motor Corp. pressed the

dealers to set up separate showrooms for

ers will buy Nissan," Mr. Ohata said.

spited to the Japanese market.

sells in one month.

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Both Sides Create Problems for U.S. Cars in Japan expensive Ford Motor Co. models. of these two dealers indicate that Ameri-

made by Mazda Motor Corp., a Japanese TOKYO — Yntaka Kobayashi's autorival of Toyota and Nissan, mobile showroom in the Tokyo suburb Yet another problem is that the dealerselling Toyotas to Fords. In the six ships do not have access to the records of months since then, he has sold 45 vehithe customers they had when they were cles - what a Toyota dealer typically selling Toyotas and Nissans. When Ford Tohnichi switched to selling Fords, all records of existing customers were given to other Tokyo Nissan dealers and all

which might attract the broadest audi-

ence. That is because these vehicles are

If the way dealers do business in Japan presents obstacles to sales of U.S. vehicles, so do some features of the

American cars themselves.

salesmen were replaced by a new crew with no knowledge of the neighborhood. In Japan, dealers often sell cars by visiting their regular customers at their bomes. Without such records, Ford Tobnichi and Ford Chiba have to start from scratch and wait for customers to come

to the showroom. But if the way the dealers do business presents obstacles, so do the cars themselves. American cars still have a reputation in Japan for poor quality and for being large, expensive and inefficient with fuel, the dealers said.

Indeed, they said, the cars are inferior to Japanese cars in the fit and finish the doors do not close as snugly, for instance - giving fastidious Japanese consumers the impression that the cars are less well made than domestic competitors.

"We have to explain the weak points of American cars before they buy, by saying the American view toward cars is different from the Japanese view," Mr. Kobayashi said in his showroom bedecked with American and Japanese flags. They said, however, that customers who had purchased the Fords had not had major problems.

Toshio Nakano, the president of Ford Tohnichi, said the biggest problem was that most Fords had steering wheels on the left instead of on the right as Japanese cars do. The exceptions are the Probe, a sporty car that does not have wide appeal, and the Mondeo. But the Mondeo uses premium gasoline, a drawback in a country where gas costs three to four times as

much as it does in the United States. Moreover, Ford's cars do not have retractable side-view mirrors, which many customers want because they park in tight spaces.

How well Ford Chiba and Ford Toh-

nichi do with their Fords could belp determine how many other Japanese dealers will sell American cars. Already, some executives are saying the problems

can cars cannot sell in Japan.

If the dealer selling Fords in Chiha is making money, others will get on the bandwagon," said Hiroshi Okuda, a Toyota executive, "With this exchange rate, the American cars should look very reasonable and cheap. The Japanese dealers should be jumping at them, but this doesn't seem to be happening."

Konen Suzuki, the president of Ford Japan, replied that it took time for new dealers to turn a profit and that dealers who had been carrying Fords a long time were making "huge profits."
Neither Ford Tohnichi nor Ford Chi-

ba is making any money yet. In the ruptured trade talks, the United States argued that one reason Japanese manufacturers succeeded in the American market is that American dealers sold Corollas and Accords alongside their Chevrolets and Dodges.

Washington contended that given high real estate prices in Japan, it was prohibitively expensive for American companies to set up their own dealership networks, so they had to rely on the Japanese dealers.

But Japanese officials counter that some European carmakers, such as Bayerische Motoren Werke AG and Volvo AB, took the trouble in the 1980s to set up their own dealer networks and have done fairly well in Japan. The European com-panies also offer smaller cars and many more models with the steering wheel on the right than do the American Big Three.

About 182,000 cars and trucks imported from Europe were sold in Japan last year, compared with 34,000 from the major U.S. companies' factories. Still, Euro-pean cars in 1994 held less than 3 percent of the Japanese motor-vehicle market.

Despite Washington's aggressive posture, only Ford among the U.S. Big Three is aggressively seeking dual dealer-ships through which to sell its Taurus sedans and station wagons, as well as its Mustangs, Mondeos and Explorers, Mr. Suzuki said the company had so far persuaded 17 Japanese dealers, mostly Mazda and Nissan dealers, to sell Fords through 26 outlets.

General Motors Corp. has been selling almost exclusively through Yanase & Co. a dealership that specializes in foreign cars, Chrysler Corp, has been selling Jeeps through some Honda dealers and through Seibu, a dealership that specializes in foreign cars. A Chrysler spokesman said the company planned to begin trying to recruit Japanese dealers soon.

One question raised by the experience Ford Tohnichi and Ford Chiha is this: Japanese dealers have such close ties to Japanese manufacturers that it is hard to recruit them, then is it wise for an American auto company to rely on them for sales? Is that not entrusting sales to a competitor?

Mr. Suzuki of Ford Japan said he was sure the new dealers would become loyal to Ford after a year or two.

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Very briefly:

Daewoo Corp. bas applied for approval to huild an industrial complex worth up to \$1.43 billion in Vietnam; if approved, the project would be by far the largest foreign investment in Vietnam

· Sharp Corp. is to establish its first research center in the United States in Camas, Washington; the laboratory will focus on digital image processing and other multimedia work.

 The South China Morning Post, Hong Kong's largest Englishlanguage newspaper, is to lay off 10 percent of its news staff and combine its daily and Sunday papers into one operation; the paper is controlled by the Malaysian husinessman Robert Kuok.

 Parkway Holdings Ltd. of Singapore has offered to huy the Asian and Australian health-care operations of Tenet Healthcare Corp. of the United States; the companies have not signed a deal. Shanghai's benchmark stock index fell 17 percent Tuesday, its

first decline in five days, on news that the government was determined to root out speculation in the market. • Thailand is emerging as one of Asia's leading financial markets

because of deregulation, changing savings patterns and robust demand for nonbank fund sources, Lehman Brothers said. Siam Motors Group has sold its controlling stake in Siam Yamaha

Co., the Thai assembler of Yamaha motorcycles, to KPN Group for about 1 billion baht (\$40 million). AFP, AP, Bloomberg, NYT, Reuters

Malaysia Plans to Curb Credit

KUALA LUMPUR - Ma-

laysia's government, unwilling to raise interest rates, will launch credit controls Wednesday to try to head off inflation.

The measures, to he announced by Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim, may seek to discourage borrowing specifically for automobile or proper-

ty purchases, analysis said, Analysis expect something similar to the credit controls put in place in 1991, when con-rise this year.

ernment to limit financing on new cars to 75 percent of the purchase price. Ecocomists said credit controls would be the correct medi-

cern about inflation led the gov-

cine for Malaysia's economy, as raising interest rates now would do more harm than good. While growth in the consum-

er price index slowed to 3.2 percent in the first quarter of 1995 from 3.7 percent in 1994, many economists expect the rate to

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Hyundai to Build Major U.S. Chip Plant

billion yen in the previous year. U.S. entertainment divising Sales were nearly flat at 509.8 produced some hit movies. billion yen, with the strong Jap-sness currency eating into prof-a loss of 26.81 billion yen in the Pioneer's results were hurt by previous year. Sales rose to 767.2 billion yen from 726.6 bil-JVC's entertainment division

posted an operating profit of 7.8 billion yen, up from 1.5 billion yen the previous year. That partiy offset operating losses of 8.8 billion yen in the audio visual and information sectors.

U.S. entertsinment divisions

The conglomerate earned a profit in the year to March,

lion) in 1994-95, down from 9.5 losses, as sales increased and its

lion last year, has said it is considering bankruptcy protection. Also on Tuesday, TDK Corp. said its group profit jumped 73 Pioneer has pumped \$175 million into the affiliates since percent in the year to March, to it acquired them five years ago. 30.8 billion yen, as worldwide sales rose 6 percent, to 485 bilneer said it plans to expand production overseas and to pro-

AFX, AFP, Bloomberg) cure more parts from other countries. But analysts said Pioneer's plans to move production Japan's central bank on

Tuesday downgraded its assess-"They're struggling now to put production offshore, but it's ment of the nation's economic health, saying Japan was expo-riencing a "very moderate" regoing to take them time to do that," said Rower Prince to covery, Bloomberg Business electronics industry analyst at News reported.

The central bank had charac-S.G. Warburg & Co. in Tokyo. terized Japan's economic recov-"In the meantime they're going or suffer losses."

Pioneer seemed to concur, monthly economic report reprocessing a loss of 4.7 billion leased Tuesday. The Bank of forecasting a loss of 4.7 billion Japan also said it would closely monitor exchange rates and their influence on the economy.

SEOUL - Hyundai Electronics Industries Co. said Tuesday that it would build a \$1.3 billion plant to make memory chips in Oregon, South Korea's largest direct overseas in-

vestment project. The company also called the project the world's largest semiconductor factory.

The company said it expected sales from the U.S. plant to reach \$1.69 billion by 2000, although analysts expressed some doubt about its profit targets.

The unit of Hyundai Corp. said it was building the plant in Eugene, the home of the University of Oregon, to help it pene-trate the U.S. market. Hyundai said the United States already took about 34 percent of its semiconductor exports.

The plant will be able to process 30,000 eight-inch silicon wafers a month and initially to manufacture 16-megabit and 64-megabit dynamic randomaccess memory chips, the com-

Hyundai Electronics Chair- in the United States, Europe man Chung Mong Hun said an and Southeast Asia within a few

American location had been years, with an estimated invest-chosen for the plant not only ment of least \$3 hillion. because the U.S. market was the largest in the world but also be-

vanced chip-making technology. In choosing among four U.S. sites, he added, "We also took into account offers of tax favors by the state and city governments." He did not give details

of the tax breaks. Construction of the plant which will employ about 1,000 people, is to begin in August, with a goal of beginning chip production by March 1997, Mr.

Chung said. Industry analysts in Scoul, earnings for the while acknowledging that the cial year news a plan would enhance Hyundai's ed from Tokyo. international competitiveness

expressed some doubts about it Others, however, said Hyun-dai's move would probably be copied by other semiconductor makers. Samsung Electronics Co., the world's largest produc-

er, has already announced plans

to build semiconductor plants

A Hyundai spokesman said ing for semiconductors, relies the project should be consid- on overseas orders. Its senior cause America had the most ad- ered not only in terms of profit-

ability but in view of the changing world trade environment.
Our project will ultimately contribute to countering increasing regulations over sales of foreign-made goods in the United States," he said.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

Kyocera Rises Above Yen Kyocera Corp., overcoming the yen's strength, said its profit jumped in the year ended in March and predicted record earnings for the current finan-

cial year, news agencies report- on sales of 445 billion yen.

Kyocera, as the world's dominsut maker of ceramic packagmanaging director, Sadao Yamamoto, said: "The strong yen will have a strong negative impact on our earnings, but our sales are rising nevertheless."

The company said its group net profit was 43.28 billion yen (\$497.2 million), up 18 percent from 36.80 billion yen. Group sales rose 17 percent, to 498.57 billion yen. Parent-company current profit, jumped 56 percent, to 54.69 billion yen.

The parent company expects to report record current profit for this year of 73 billion yen, (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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yas for the parent company in the year to March 1996. The parent company, which does Indonesia Cuts

Tariffs Broadly

JAKARTA — Indonesia unveiled an economic deregulation package Tuesday designed to boost its international com-

minister, Saleh Afiff, said the measures, which included cuts in tariffs on 6,030 items, were designed to increase the role and efficiency of the private sector.

and automotive parts.

Not many details were provaded, and some economists characterized the package as vague and less bold than they

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Republicans Take Aim at Programs Designed to Promote Exports

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Buried among the Republicans' sharp cost-cutting proposals to balance the federal budget is the swift dismantling of two of President Bill Clinton's most prominent economie innovations: the use of the government to promote exports and the underwriting of new technologies that corporate America considers too risky.

During his campaign, Mr. Clinton briefly called those strategies "industrial policy," until Republicans seized on the phrase as proof that Mr. Clinton wanted the government to meddle in the workings of the

Once in office, the White House dropped the terminology but went ahead anyway with an aggressive program, de-

claring that the United States needed to develop partnerships with industry and use government pressure to promote exports, two skills that Japan and Germany turned into an art after World War II.

would bring many of those efforts to a halt and drastically shrink others, from the Energy Department to the Pentagon. The most sweeping cutback proposal, the "Department of Commerce Dismantling Act." was to be introduced Tuesday by House Republicans. If passed, the act would immediately

The Republican budget proposals

terminate six of the cabinet department's offices and slice up the organization that conducts trade negotiations with Japan, China and other nations.

Many of the functions of the Commerce Department's highest-profile organiza-

tion, the International Trade Administra-tion, would be carved up or eliminated. the wisdom of this, but it is still early in the budget process." sation from Paris, where he is attending a budget process."

Curiously, the White House has said almost nothing in public about the attack on the core of its economic strategy, partly for fear that it would detract from its warnings about proposed cuts to Medicare and other popular social programs.

"We've talked through what is the best approach, and the decision was to stay focused on the programs that most people understand," said Hazel R. O'Leary, the secretary of energy, whose department's budget would shrink.

"It's a little early," said Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the head of the National Economic Council, an office that was created when Mr. Clinton took office to give economics equal weight with issues of national securi-

It may be early, but it seems clear that most of the trade and technology promotion programs will be sharply reduced, if they survive at all.

As a result, the White House's reticence has not kept the departments from starting all-out survival campaigns. Capitol Hill these days is flooded with undersecretaries and assistant secretaries explaining and justifying programs that have never before come under intense scrutiny.

Their presentations often boil down to one argument: In an age of economic conflict, cutting out political and economic support for industry is the equivalent of unilateral disarmament.

"Our global competitors are laughing at Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. ty. "There should be a good debate about Brown said Monday in a telephone conver-

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meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Just at the moment when we've finally learned that there is no way to win without a public-private partnership, without getting the government involved in promoting a nation's exports, people are incredulous that Congress would be doing this.

"The French are apoplectic that we have been so pro-active and successful," Mr. Brown said, a reference to Washington's role in winning a huge contract in Brazil last year over French competition. "And now they are delighted that we are thinking about not doing it anymore."

The Republican theory is that the Commerce Department has become brazen "corporate welfare," a term coined by one of Mr. Clinton's cabinet members, Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich.

To the White House's horror, the phra which Mr. Reich has not repeated singe has become a railying call for the fresh man class of Republicans, who do not share their party's traditional closeness or dependence on big business.

There are 19 different departments in the government that deal with trade," said Representative Dick Chrysler, Republican of Michigan, who drafted the legislation to dismantle the Commerce Department 92 years after its creation.

Another target of Mr. Chrysler's is the department's Advanced Technology Pregram, which provides backing for technologies that small companies — and some large ones — consider promising but too risky to attempt.

"This has grown from \$10 million in 1990 to \$250 million in 1993, and now the want \$750 million." Mr. Chrysler

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Devils Rebound, Flyers Rally Again

New York Rangers were anoth- one," Haller said. "It can build. er story, yet the same story. the Rangers let a two-goal lead slip away. And the result was another overtime loss to the

Philadelphia Flyers, hy the first round. score of 4-3 on Monday night.

NHL PLAYOFFS

by a defenseman obtained in a trade with Montreal. Eric Desjardins scored the winner on Sunday, this time it was Kevin Haller who scored 25 seconds into overtime.

"We know we haven't played our best hockey," said goal-tender Mike Richter, whose Rangers bope to make up their two-game deficit in the Eastern Conference series when they return bome for Games 3 and 4 son, outplayed them at both Wedoesday and Friday. "I ends of the ice and overcame think the two teams are evenly Jagr's two goals to regain homematched. We're pretty close, ice advantage. but I know we can play a lot The Devils had outplayed the but I know we can play a lot

at 11:19 of the third period. As was the case io the first game, they jumped out to a 2-0 night tied the score with 1:15 to lead but couldn't keep it as Eric go and was reminiscent of Ro-Lindros, Dmitri Yushkevich bitaille's goal two nights before. and Mikael Renberg scored

This time, the New Jersey cause of the couple of games we Devils did not collapse. The won in overtime before this The more comfortable you feel For the second straight day, going into overtime, usually the more chances you get."

Philadelphia had beaten Buffalo in an overtime game in the

Devils 4, Penguins 2: Scott And, for the second day in a Stevens' backhander from the row, the Flyers won on a goal slot off his own rebound with 29 seconds left prevented another third-period collapse for New Jersey, which evened its series with Pittsburgh at a game each.

Claude Lemieux scored twice for New Jersey, his second an empty-net goal with a tick of the clock left, as the Devils got back on their tight-checking game to shut down all the Penguins' big scorers except Jaromir Jagr.

The Devils, 0-2-2 previously against the Penguins this sea-

Penguins in Game 1, too, only The Rangers had sent the to lose on a bad line change that game into overtime with Brian left Lue Robitaille unprotected; Leetch's third goal of the night he scored the winning goal with 1:16 left. Jagr's second goal Monday

"The momeotum swing



consecutive goals for the Flyers. could have been devastating."

"Going into overtime, the the Devils' Ken Daneyko said. Pittsburgh's Kevin Stevens (left) and Tommy Albelin tangled as New Jersey escaped.

Reds' Gamble in '94 Continues to Pay Off

The Cincinnati Reds' biggest gamble of 1994 has paid off handsomely in the first month of this season.

Monday night to beat the visiting Houston Astros, 3-2. It was his third game-winning homer in extra innings and his fourth game-winning hit in the last nine games.

He now has eight homers, 27 RBIs and no more doubts about whether he can come

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back fully from the broken leg that cost him all of last season. "Talk about clutch!" said the Reds' manager, Davey Johnson. "He's rewriting the term 'clutch,' When something is needed, he's there. I'm almost getting to expect it."

So had the Atlanta Braves, but still they decided to buy out his \$5.5 million contract after he broke two bones in his lower right leg in a motorcycle accident on Feb. 3, 1994.

Gant was still recovering from the fractures when the Reds signed him last year, essentially as the replacement-incleanup spot

The Astros' relievers were 6-0 and had not allowed a run in 17% innings when he came to the plate in the 10th Monday

run himself in 17% innings.

After a breaking ball for a strike, Gant expected a fastball. game in the sixth and hit anoth-bard that there was only one Brewers, 7-5, on Monday night question when it left the heat curve," said the Astros' manag-

er, Terry Collins. inside the left-field foul screen. Expos 5, Martins 2: Mike ended. "It just didn't work out

Lansing's leadoff homer in the this time." third ended a 2-2 tie and Roberto Kelly's two-run single in the eighth gave him three RBIs as host Montreal halted its four-game losing streak and extended Florida's to six. Carlos Perez, who retired 17

of the 18 batters he faced after Terry Pendleton's two-run single with one out in the first, remained unbeaten in three major-league starts

of the ninth as Colorado railied to halt Chicago's three-game winning streak.

Dante Bichette led off the waiting for Kevin Mitchell. to right. After a walk, Mejia, just two hits over seven innings. When Mitchell went to Japan, hitting only .135 for the season, and became this season's first Gant took over left field and the singled to center.

each had two RBIs for the Cubs. Larry Walker had four and a double, and Greg Gagne. hits and drove in three runs for Colorado..

Magic Ends For Indians

The Cleveland Indians finalveres, who had not allowed a ly ran out of late-inning magic. After winning three straight weekend games in Boston with eighth- or ninth-inning come-"I was just hoping it would base in the bottom of the ninth. "We got to the late innings. and it was like, 'Uh-oh, here we It crashed into the seats just go again, " said Jim Thome. whose 13-game hitting streak

The Brewers, winning for only the second time in nine

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games, outhit the Indians. 16-6. Fernando Vina led the way for Milwaukee with three hits. three runs and an RBI. Jose Valentin had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run. Tigers 10, Mariners 8: De-

Rockies 9, Cubs 8: Roberto six-run lead, but Kirk Gibson's with a one-out, run-scoring pinch-hit single in the bottom of the ninth as Colomba 2000. Cecil Fielder hit his eighth major-league grand slam as tha Tigers took a 7-1 lead in the first. But the Mariners, aided by

two Detroit errors, scored six in ninth with a single, was bunted to second and scored the tying run on Vinny Castilla's double City's Kevin Appier gave np

Mark Grace and Scott Bullett to lost its eighth in 11 games. Wally Joyner, with a single with a sacrifice fly and a homer,

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First Tyson Post-Prison Foe Says He's 'Secret, Like 007'

By Gerald Eskenazi New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Is he the first sacrifice in Mike Tysoo's return to boxing? Or is Peter McNeeley a legitimate opponent for the once-crushing former world champioo?
"I'm like 007 — a secret people don't know about."
McNeeley said Monday.

McNeeley, a 26-year-old wild-swinging puncher from Medfield, Massachusetts, is expected to be anointed Wednesday as Tyson's first opponent for a bout on Aug. 19 in Las Vegas. Tyson has not fought since June 1991. McNeeley has produced 12 straight knockouts since his only loss, when he was stopped because of a cut that required more than 40 stitches.

If McNeeley's name sounds vaguely familiar it is because his father faced Floyd Patterson for the world title in 1961. Irish Tom McNeeley Jr, was knocked down a dozen times before the fight was halted in the fourth round.

Peter McNeeley sports a 36-1 record, with 30 knockouts. He is slightly under 6 feet 2 inches tall (1.90 meters) and weighs 220 pounds (100 kilograms).

"Mike Tyson has trouble with guys 6-3, 6-4," centended Al . Braverman, Tom McNeeley's former trainer and now Don King's matchmaker. Braverman said that the 5-10 Tyson was

less effective looping his punches against taller fighters.

"It should be a hell of a fight, as long as it lasts," said Peter McNeeley's manager, Vinoy Vecchiooe. He described McNeeley as having "limited ability. He can't box. In this business, you're either a boxer or a fighter, and he's a fighter."

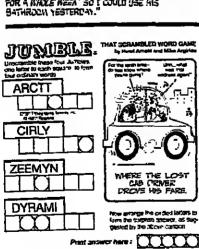
Vecchione admitted he was concerned about McNeeley's lack of experience. A college graduate (Bridgewater State), McNeeley had few bouts until turning pro four years ago.

"But every day I wake up I'm a better fighter," said McNeeley. "I had only 21 amateur fights. That's why I train six, seveo days a week."

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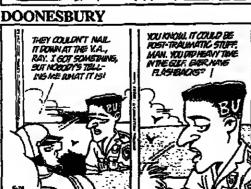


















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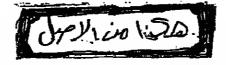
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SPORTS WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1995

Multitalented Australia May Be Rugby World Cup's Once and Future King The losers of Thursday's match will be can think you're actually playing well in dent Nelson Mandela in what the team's the tide of enormous change, will help to the Foreland, the 1991 darlings from West the tide of enormous change, will help to the Samoa may not be able to beat Argen

Herald Eribune

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CAPE TOWN -- It is a collision of 16 countries meeting 32 times over the next long month, yet the Rngby World Cup may well be decided in its first hours Thursday. The defending champion Australia takes on South Africa just after the opening ceremonies. They may be the best teams here, given one's home field advantage. For the winner it's a clear path to the final; for the loser, a hole maybe six feet

"Most people see it as being worthy of a semifinal, so for it to be an opening match is unfortunate in some ways," said the Australian coach, Bob Dwyer. "They want to establish a tradition of the defending champion playing the host in the first match, but in practice you end up with two good sides playing in one pool. It's going to be a tough match, a real cruncher."

land, followed by a semifinal with the 1987 champion, New Zealand. If they intend to win the final, it will mean beating three of the world's toughest opponents in 15 days.

Judging by talent, the losers ought to be the South Africans, making their World Cup debut following the 1992 lifting of the international sports boycott brought on hy apartheid. It will be no easy opening number for them - they'll have to play as if they never were away. Their public seems to be expecting as much. It is as if the people believe their will can drive the shyness out of the South African players, who otherwise are still learning how to act on such a large stage. The public may be right; either that or their pressure may be bury-

"What they lost during the boycott was a basis of relativity," Dwyer said, "You

really all that shows is that the teams are equal. They might be equally had. Or, as it was in their case, they were equally aver-

Only while being clohbered at home by New Zealand and Australia in 1992 did they realize how much the game - their game, the power game of white South Africans — had changed around the world in their absence. They have caught up remarkably well, said Dwyer. They are dominant now in the back, rather than up front. But the team is still all white. Ches- has played only two Tests in the last nine ter Williams would have been the lone months, an unconvincing pair of victories black man on the team — and maybe the against Argentina within the last three best blaver — if not for a recent injury, and weeks; while South Africa has won five he might still appear if a spot opens through injury. Something much larger than rugby will be at work throughout the next month, beginning Wednesday when players who seem to represent the old

manager, Morne du Plessis, predicts will be a "massive psychological stimulation,"

Though an additional year might have helped even more.

No team can match Australia for talent: led by David Campese, the world's top tryscorer and hero of the last World Cup. the Wallahies are fast, witty and relaxed. Center Tim Horan has recovered from a terrific knee injury, but the team is so deep that the coach sees no sense in risking Horan for this most important game. Australia

fill in the bare spots of talent and experi-

All of which has left the other Southern Hemisphere challenger practically unnoticed. Albeit New Zealand has yet to recover the form of its unbeaten run from 1987 to 1990. Coach Laurie Mains has been sacrificing recent Tests in order to try a variety of strategies, believing that the All Blacks will have to adapt their game of hall-retention depending on the opponent in the latter stages.

The draw is a good one for the All Blacks, who shouldn't be troubled by Pool C colleagues Ireland. Wales or Japan in the first round, and they should get by a likely quarterfinal with Scotland. From thereon, however, a look of beinder. however, a lack of height may haunt New Zealand in the lineouts, especially against England or Australia.

In Pool B, which should be dominated

hv Fneland, the 1991 darlings from Western Samoa may not be able to beat Argentina (or Italy, for that matter) for second place and a spot in the quarterfinals. Since their surprise advancement to the 1991 quarterfinals, the Samoans have suffered defections to Rugby League and to New Zealand. Theirs is the only group from which any team could make the next

In past World Cups Japan has succeeded in beating only Zimbabwe — but this time it shares Pool C with suffering Ireland and Wales: A little hope there. Tonga could give Scotland a race for second place in Pool D, where Côte d'Ivoire also resides.

No vietories are expected from the latter, though 14 of its players compete in the French first division. Côte d'Ivoire's triumph was in becoming the first black African nation to qualify for the World Cup, an achievement appreciated by the majority of its hosts this month.

*McLaren Drops Mansell, Gives Blundell Car in Monaco Prix

The Associated Press WOKING, England - Disgruntled former Formula One McLaren Mercedes team

McLaren's managing direc-tor, Ron Dennis, said Mark Blundell would replace Mansell at this weekend's Monaco

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The announcement followed days of speculation that the 41year-old driver would quit the team after parking his car on the 18th lap of the Spanish Grand Prix 10 days ago.

A statement from McLaren said it had severed its contract with Mansell following "extensive and open discussions."

"Nigel has not felt confident within the car, and this has af-fected his ability to commit fully to the program," Dennis said. "In these circumstances, I believe that we have determined the most appropriate course of action. The relationship has been short, and has obviously ot achieved the results anticapated by either party."

Mansell signed a multimillion-dollar contract with McLaren amid much fanfare in February, but the partnership quickly turned sour. He had to miss the first two races occasse he was too big for the new Mer-cedes MP4-10 cockpit, and the performance of its replacement has been erratic.

Blundell drove the first two races for McLaren in Mansell's absence, finishing sixth in Brazil. He drove for the Ligier team in the Spanish Grand Prix.

"I am obviously disappointed that the relationship with McLaren and Mercedes which could have achieved so much has been concluded early," Mansell said. "As this stage of my career, I had expected, on joining MoLaren, that the total package would have given me the possibility to be competitive with the other top teams.

"I have no immediate plans in Formula One, but have welcomed the opportunity to keep in touch with the team, with whom I have parted on the best possible terms."

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SIDELINES

South Korea Gets 2002 Asian Games

SEOUL (AP) — Pusan, a port city in the south of this country, was overwhelming selected Tuesday by the general assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia to stage the 2002 Asian Games, but in a vote that drew angry criticism from rival bidder Taiwan.

Taiwanese delegates protested that a last-minute change from a secret ballot to a show of hands had been under pressure from China. It had threatened to boycott the 2002 games if Taiwan's port city of Kaoshiung was selected. The IAAF's Council recommended Tuesday, to "standard-

ize" international sauctions, a reduction from four years to "a minimum of two years" the ban for athletes who fail tests for world champion Nigel Mansell steroids and amphetamines the first time. The change must be was dropped Tuesday by the ratified by the IAAF Congress. (Reuters)

Langer Ousts Lyle in Match Play

MADRID (AP) — Bernhard Langer, Jesper Parnevik, Seve Ballesteros and Barry Lane moved into the semifinals of the European leg of the World Championship of Golf on Tuesday.

In the match-play event, Langer won, 3 and 2, over Sandy Lyle; Parnevik-defeated David Gilford, 2 and 1; Ballesteros beat Miguel Angel Jimenez, 3 and 2, and Lane defeated Sam Torrance, 2 and 1. Ben Hogan, 82, was released from a hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, 15 days after emergency surgery on a colon tumor.

Charges Filed in Gerulaitis's Death

RIVERHEAD, New York (AP) - Recreational Concepts of Sag Harbor and Bart Torpey, a mechanic employed by the pool-heating company, pleaded innocent Tuesday to criminally negli-gent homicide in the death of retired tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis. Gerulaitis, 40, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning last Sept. 18 in a guest cottage near a pool on the estate of a friend,

an expression, a mirror, of life. This is now reflected in two

places, South Africa, formerly the stronghold of apartheid, being one. It is hosting the 16-nation World Rugby Cup, which it could

The other place? Vienna, where on Wednesday night Ajax Amsterdam plays A.C. Milan for soccer's European Cup. It

promises to be a class act in a classical city, an explosion of talents from the world's two most accomplished club teams.

They represent the extremes: Ajax, the most successful schooling ground soccer has known; Milan the team that throws unri-

When they line up to the strident "Champions' League" an-

tire, at 32. He has rested his limbs and cleared his mind specifical-

ly for this last encounter between the two chubs which have been

An Amsterdammer with Surinam antecedents, he was, as many

He was part of the Dutch trio - Rijkaard, Marco van Basten,

Rund Gullit - in Milan's finest side that reached the final of this

same, connipotent European competition three times. Rijkaard,

partly because he was so versatile, partly because the limelight was

no friend of his, and partly because Milan shackled him to

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Rijkaard. For if ever an athlete

personifies an occasion, it is Rij-

kaard. He chooses this night to re-





Taiwan's delegates made their displeasure evident after South Korea was awarded the Asian Games. They were also upset that the IOC's president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, had remarked before the vote, "Problems should be resolved rather than being created."

European Cup Final: The Stage for a World of Fine Talent

the audience's

player Berlusconi begged to stay.

looking for a sinecure.

make Louis van Gaal's team.

Italy's most influential leader, Franco Baresi, a belief that the

game is a player's game, not a coach's, not a president's, not even

The Dutch play hard. They play for money. Yet Rijkaard's play

exudes liberation. He accepts team work, he performs within the

set plan, but he does it in his own time, his own way. This Sinatra

of the playing fields was, even more than Gullit (and alas van

Basten, whose wrecked ankles tore chunks out of his career), the

Nothing doing. Rijkaard decided that, after the 1993 European

finale, he had reaped enough lira. He wanted enjoy the game without the goldfish bowl intensity of Italy. I listened to him then and misguidedly assessed him as a spent, satiated competitor

But Rijkaard, together with Danny Blind, are the "old men"

around whom the increasingly younger Amsterdam fledglings

learn their trade. The team bloods 17-year-olds as if the European

arena is a kindergarten. They come off the conveyor belt from a

scouting system that enshrines the Ajax principle in the word talentendragen, or talent time. This is when boys flock to the nursery fields hoping to catch the eyes of the Ajax scouts.

Wednesday's team may contain seven Amsterdammers under the age of 25. Edgar Davids, Clarence Seedorf and Patrick

Khiivert are three muscular, gifted prodigies waiting to see if they

The coach has a surfeit of riches. He can sell some of his

progeny to Italy any time he chooses. Earlier in the season, Ajax

Rockets Top Spurs On Their Last Shot

SAN ANTONIO - Robert

Horry almost ran the clock out as he stood there with the hall. He didn't shoot until someone on his bench yelled, "Hurry!" But, another game, another hero for the Houston Rockets.

After a night of misfiring. fouls and frustration in round one of the battle for Texas, Horry made his only basket of the game and the Rockets had a 94-93 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday evening.

The improbable Rockets, playing their 11th game in 20 days, took a 1-0 lead in the bestof-7 Western Conference finals and stole the home-court advantage from the Spurs, who had the best record in the NBA.

"Our hattle cry right now is stay humble and stay hungry," said Coach Rudy Tomjanovich. The Rockets went more than two minutes without a field goal

hounds. Robinson got 21 points, his fewest in this year's playoffs. [Robinson did win the NBA's most valuable player award, the league announced Tuesday. until Horry, who was 0-for-4 to

that point, sank the open 18-

footer with 6.5 seconds to play.

man, just like we have all sea-son," Horry said. "I was sur-

prised I was so open."

bounced off the rim.

"We swung it to the open

Sean Elliott, who led the Spurs with 24 points, missed

two free throws with 26.6 sec-

onds to go and his shot from the

lane with two seconds to go

David Robinson was 1-for-

11 from the field through three

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quarters hut scored 12 in the

final period. However, he missed 1 of 2 free throws with

46 seconds left.
Hakeem Olajuwon got 27 despite late foul trouble. Clyde Drexler added 25 and 12 re-

[He got 73 first-place votes and 901 points, while Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando got 12 firsts and 605 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. But the three Dutchmen transformed Silvio Berlusconi's money beat Milan home and away by the score of 2-0, showing its

[Utah's Karl Malone was urd, followed by New York Patrick Ewing, Olajnwon, Charles Barkley of Phoenix, Chicago's Scottie Pippen and Utah's John Stockton.]

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Dennis Rodman had another strong game off the boards with 20 rebounds, but again proved how temperamental he can be. Several times he removed himself from San Antonio huddles, and was absent the last two

with the game on the line. When the Spurs took the floor for their final shot, Rodman and his tequilla sunrise colored head were not on the court. Coach Bob Hill said it was strategy, not discipline, that sent Rodman to the bench.

expectation. They learn a team pattern - three defenders, four "Dennis was not a distracmobile midfielder, three attackers — that becomes automatic tion tonight in any way, shape or form, and please print that," So far this season Ajax has not been extended sufficiently for us to know how good this team is. Certainly the defense is weaker

Hill said. No team led by more than nine as first the Rockets, then the Spurs, then the Rockets

than the attack, yet, for an hour against Bayern Munich in the semifinal, the interplay, the swiftness, the joy of Ajax was so overwhelming that the score reached 4-1 and could have been 7-1. would put together a surge. Sam Cassell's two free throws tied it 92-92 with 1:41 to go. was Milan in the doldrums of mid-season. Now, reaching its fifth then came the futility from both the surety of touch, the application of experience, the confidence that made it the outstanding side in the world.

Alongside the aging Baresi, Paolo Maldini is Italy's outstanding defender. Dejan Savicevic is an imperious, if mercurial, playsides. Clyde Drexler missed

with a layup. Robinson made 1of-2 free throws to give San Antonio its 93-92 lead, Doc Rivers knocked the ball away from Olajuwon and Elliott was fouled as he drove to the basket. But a 79 percent free throw shooter in the first nine playoff games, be missed both.

"The Rockets are the team that won't die," Elliott had said before tip-off. "They are scary. They're like had in-laws: they won't go away." (AP, NYT)

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the pinnacle of sporting manhood, Milan purchased him.

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than in Italy. May the best team win. Rob Physics is on the staff of The Times

Desailly, from France, is the anchorman

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ready in the heart of Amsterdam in 1996.

obvious lesson, but not often carried through.

from youth team to senior professionals.

At Ajax it is an accepted reality of sport's short cycle that

youngsters are schooled, in every sense of the word, and some are

then sold to perpetuate the system and to pay for a magnificent

new stadium, replete with training establishment, that will be

The boys are the past, present and future. Yet even Amsterdam,

with it street-wise hopefuls, is not an exclusive enclave. Wednes-day's team will likely include Nwankwo Kanu, an 18-year-old

center-forward of basketball size and huild, whose ability was

spotted while the Ajax youth team was touring in Nigeria. Anoth-

er Nigerian, George Finidi, plays on the right wing, And a Finn. Jari Litmanen, strikes from midfield.

So AJAX, Too, buys. But mostly it educates, and its present head coach, van Gaal, was, significantly, the youth coach six

years ago. His credo is so simple, and almost so unique, that it

takes the breath away: All Ajax boys learn to master the ball. An

They get onto the team provided their educational grades meet

Milan also found the change of pace, the acceleration through

gears as smooth as a Ferrari's, difficult to cope with. However that

European Cup pinnacle in seven years, it has begun to recapture

maker; Zvonimir Boban, a Croat, is often his aide; Marcel

The imports make it hard for a good Italian boy to make his

mark. Gigi Lentini, for example, cost a world record \$16 million in 1992. His progress was blunted, almost killed, in a nasty car crash,

He might, just might, get a place in Vienna on the right of midfield, selected to play out of position because of another man's

injury. Obviously, birthright counts for more in the Netherlands

since when Lentini's left wing skills have rarely blossomed.

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The Automotive Life

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — Thursday 5 P.M. Heavy rain falling all burning gas, honking, going nowhere. I am marooned in a Fifth Avenue bus. Feels like two weeks ago I got on up at 155th Street.

This could be because we're only making 50 feet an hour. Or it could be the seat. It's built for slow, poison-the-spirit torture, like those Broadway theater seats they sell at \$60 apiece and you can't even keep them.

Why would you want to? Maybe get a tax deduction for donating them to some friendly Latin dictator's torture division.

Look at those cars out there did this to us? Previous generations, that's who.

cars. Two tons of car for every 110-pound woman, two tons for every 150-pound man alive. Then have them all drive into New York in heavy rain. Then have everybody sit in monooless agony while their lives dribhle out in negligible footages of crosstown, uptown, downtown, out-of-town motion.

I am now trying to reconstruct an astonishingly clear state of mind that is already becoming muddled. That bus finally did reach 42d Street. The rain did

Previous generations that loved the automobile for the freedom it gave them surely us at all, which is unlikely.

most that the automobile was roll for them what bave. eventually going to destroy all and ravage the countryside like make do, like us. a beneficent Godzilla, the peo-

ple's fun-loving monster threat-ening to eat the entire country.

Too many hollow pieties are spoken on behalf of future gen-INP.M. Heavy rain falling all erations. Typically, Washing-over New York, Millions of cars ton's panic about the federal deficit is nourished on sound bites about the danger that future generations will have to live in hobo camps under the viaduct.

Kindness to these future generations, we are sold, requires immediate sacrifices. Conveniently for the classes who have time to ponder and prescribe for future generations, the necessary sacrifices specified in Washington will have to be made mostly by life's losers.

A lot of the gabble about future generations is caused by Ross Perot's big vote in 1992, fender-to-fender. Millions of which was thought to reflect cars going nowhere. Why? Who middle-class fear that continued deficits will destroy the nation.

If the middle class indeed They didn't give a hoot about their children. About their reasonably expect it to help balgrandchildren. Put everybody in own giganuc government handout — the tax deduction for mortgage interest payments on not one, but two homes.

Yet every poliocian shuns the opportunity to call for this noble sacrifice. Can it be that the pols know deep down that the middle class isn't half as worried as everybody says?

There is certainly no middleclass clarnor for offering this sacrifice to a presumably threatened republic. The ooble privilege of sacrificing to save the nation and bless future generations is apparently to be en-

joyed mostly by the underclass. Dick Armey, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, says that asking the midthought they were doing us a dle- and moneyed classes to kindness if they thought about give up their tax handouts would amount to tax increases. Or put It would not have occurred to another way, let the good times

> There's refreshing honesty here. Let future generations

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WEATHER

Forecast for Trursday through Saturday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

Who Stole Pages From Medieval Manuscript?

By William H. Honan New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It was a cheap plastic envelope that first aroused a rare-manuscript dealer's suspicion about two pages that appeared to be cut from a medieval book.

said was "one of the finest miniatures of the 14th century." Ferrioi placed the value of the two pages at \$500,000. So naturally, Ferrini said, he found it

disturbing that the man whom he knew to be a professor of art at Ohio State University brought in the two pages on May 4, would have placed the delicate artifacts in the envelope, separated only by a single sheet of paper.

Now, largely because of Ferrini's

curiosity and a colleague's scholarly detective work, the professor, Anthony Melnikas, of Columbus, Ohio, is being questioned by U.S. Customs officials. in connection with the theft of the leaves from a manuscript once owned by Petrarch, the 14th-century Italian poet and founder of humanism.

The investigators are hoping to establish exactly how the two leaves made their way from the Vatican Library in Rome to Ohio. Melnikas has

not been charged with any offenses. The professor, a 68-year-old authority on medieval manuscripts, is a native of Lithuania who emigrated to the United States in 1950. He was questioned last Friday, after the Vatican Library confirmed that the two leaves were missing and that he had checked out the Petrarch manuscript in 1987. Melnikas early on Monday dis-

missed the whole affair as "a simple matter" and said that he had not yet decided whether to retain a lawyer.

Later in the day, James E. Phillips and Kevin Matthews, two Columbus lawyers representing Melnikas. said: The professor did not intend to deprive the Vatican of any property.

Experts in the field said they were shaken by the possibility that someone like Melnikas might be responsible for the theft. Thanks to his academic cre-

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throughout the world for 30 years.

'We treated him as a collaborator," said the Reverend Leonard E. Boyle, the head of the Vaocan Li brary. He added that Melnikas was so well known to Vatican Library staff members that he was granted many On one page was a painting of a man threshing grain that Bruce Ferrini, a dealer based in Akron. Ohio.

memoers that he was granted many privileges, including being allowed the free run of the library to August when it is closed to the general public.

small group of specialists. director of the International Foundation for Art Research, which tracks stolen art, said the case was a reminder that such institutions must be willing to search all visitors.

"It's impolite," Lowenthal said. 'It's rude, but they have to do it." Federal officials in Ohio would neither confirm nor deny that there was an investigation of Melnikas. But Boyle said that a U.S. Customs agent had questioned him about the missing

leaves and about Melnikas. The two men who discovered and reported the theft - Ferrini and James H. Marrow, a professor of art history at Princeton University — said that wark Beauchamp, a Customs official based in Cleveland, had briefed them about his questioning of Melnikas lasi Friday and again on Monday. In fact, they said Beauchamp had told them on Friday that Melnikas had given him a third leaf from the same manuscript. Beauchamp on Monday refused to comment about the investigation.

Before Melnikas delivered the manuscript leaves to Ferrini, he said he had met the professor at a retiremeot ceremony for him. Ferrini said he was impressed by the praise that the professor received and by the fact that he said he was establishing a scholarship fund for the study of ancient manuscripts

Melnikas on Monday denied ever having made such a statement. "I Endowment for the Humanities and don't have the money for that," he said with a chuckle.

But, Ferrini said, his suspicions were further aroused wheo he received the manuscripts by the contradictory dentials, he has had unsupervised ac- stories that Melnikas told him about Petrarch's copy. You don't do that cess to collections of rare books and how he had acquired the manuscript with something you love.

luck and Godspeed."

est distinction, the \$100,000 Pritzker Prize. which was presented by Jay A. Pritzker,

The planist Vladimir Feltsman, a former

Soviet dissident who is now a music pro-

fessor, has been seized upon as a symbol of

questionable spending at the State Univer-

president of the Hyatt Foundation.

manuscripts at the Vatican and leaves. The professor told him, Ferrini said, that he had bought them, that he had inherited them, and later in the same conversation that he had acquired them in a trade with an artist.

Consequently, Ferrini said, he sent photocopies of the manuscripts by Federal Express to Marrow at Princeton. It took Marrow nearly a week of research to determine that the leaves came from a 14th-century copy of a Such treatment is extended only to a Roman text on agriculture: Notations on the margin of the leaves established Constance Lowenthal. execurive that they belonged to a book com-

missioned by Petrarcb. Marrow then called Boyle at the Vatican Library in Rome, and asked whether any pages were missing. The Vatican Library staff checked the manuscript, found the two leaves missing and immediately replied. Boyle on Monday confirmed that the manuscript was missing a third

In addition, Marrow was told, Mel-nikas bad checked out the book in 1987, according to Vatican records — one of only 12 North Americans who

had done so in the last eight years.

After Marrow informed Ferrini that the leaves were missing from the Vancan Library's manuscript, he delivered the leaves to Customs officials in Cleveland. The agency theo began investigating the matter.

Lilian Randall, curator of manuscripts at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, said on Monday that she had known Melnikas for 25 years as a visitor to the gallery. "He was always friendly, polite, formal, erect, and someone who took his work very seriously," she said. Melnikas studied art at the Uni-

versity of Pisa and at the Fine Arts Academy in Florence and Rome, After moving to the United States. he earned a doctorate in art history from the University of Michigan in 1961. He had received two Fulbright grants, as well as guarts from the National the Samuel Kress Foundation. Ferrini remains bewildered by the

theft. 'It's a colossal thing, just remarkable," he said. "You doo't cut up



One of the pages missing from the 14th-century book.

PEOPLE

THE CBS network closed the book on its experiment with dual anchors with a word from the survivor to the fallen. "Before we say good night, some news about ourselves." Dan Rather said at the close of the broadcast that now bears his name alone. "CBS News management has decided that The CBS Evening News' should return to a single-anchor. Connie Chung's future with CBS News is still under consideration and discussion." "If you'll allow a personal note, though," Rather continued, "I'd like to take this moment to wish my longtime friend and colleague Connie Chung good Versailles to receive his profession's great-

Chung: A "Godspeed" from Dan.

sity of New York by New York's governor,

semester. Without including Fellsman by name. Pataki has criticized the school publicly for having a music professor who gets paid \$1,000 an hour to peach.

After a self-imposed exile of nearly three years, Francis Ford Coppola will return to filmmaking this fall, directing Disney's dramatic comedy 'Jack,' ring Robin Williams.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps. George Mallory, 35, of Melbourne has successfully scaled Morait Pytrest. His grand,

graffiti artist and Andy Warhol protég sity of New York by New York's governor, who died of a drug overdose. Pop artist George Pataki. Feltsman landed the teach— Julian Schmibel will direct, and the bio-pie ing job in 1987 and is paid \$101.854 a year will star Jeffrey Wright, a Tony winner, as to teach 13 individual class sessions per Basoniat and David Bowie as Warhol.

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